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IDF starts evicting settlers from hilltop camps

HERB KEINON

THE IDF yesterday cleared two of the 15 encampments set up in the territories as part of the Zo Artzenu campaign that began Tuesday, following protests by Palestinians who blocked a road to an encampment near Ofra, and set a brush fire not far from an outpost near Karmei Zur.

In addition, activists at an outpost near Ganim, most of whom came from inside the Green Line, left the site after negotiations with the IDF. Late last night the IDF was talking with settlers at Susia and Yitzhar to get them to move as well. Palestinians had protested near both Yitzhar and Susia during the day.

Meanwhile, a Rehovot Magistrate's Court judge yesterday sentenced Zo Artzenu head Moshe Feiglin to 10 months in prison or a NIS 10,000 fine for rioting, and imposed a six-month suspended sentence in effect for three years.

Feiglin said he had no intention of paying the fine. "I prefer going to jail," he said. "That is part of passive civil disobedience."

"I will do everything that needs to be done to get rid of this criminal government, a crazy sect that is costing us our state," he said.

The first encampment that was removed was near the settlement of Karmei Zur, off the Jerusalem-Hebron highway. The encampment was set up near dawn by about 10 people. A short while later dozens of Palestinians, who said the land was private Arab land, congregated at the site. At one point they set a brush fire, and the IDF had to evacuate the settlers.

Hanan Ehrlich, one of the Jews at the site, said that after the Jews left, the Palestinians moved onto the hill.

A similar situation took place at the encampment near Ofra, where, according to Ofra resident Aliza Herbst, some 300 Palestinians blocked the road leading to the site. Herbst said there was only a minimal police presence at the site, and that large reinforcements only came later to evict the settlers.

After IDF soldiers came to the site, the settlers agreed to vacate, but said they would return today to another hill nearby. Herbst said it did not seem that the Zo Artzenu organizers had considered there might be violent Palestinian reaction to the new encampments.

But Shmuel Sackett, one of the organizers of the operation, said he was not surprised by the Palestinian reactions. "They are good Arabs who are reacting in a normal way. They see that [Foreign Minister] Peres promised them the state lands, and we are taking away what is meant for them. We are showing that the army can't leave. We have brought them back in."

The IDF ignored a number of the encampments, and at a few of them, like the one on a hill below Nebi Samwil just north of Jerusalem, work was underway to expand the encampments. At the Nebi Samwil site, a tractor from the nearby Giv'at Ze'ev local council was busy at mid-afternoon clearing the ground to make access to the site easier, and to provide for more parking.

Hana Rosenfelder, one of about 25 people at the site at the time, explained the encampment, as well as Tuesday's blocking of the country's roads, by saying, "most people go on with their lives and don't realize what is going on around us. They don't stop and think until someone forces them to do so. We want to do that before the"

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PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat poses for photographers across from Coral Island during a break in yesterday's talks with Foreign Minister Shimon Peres at Taba. (Reuters)

Village in shock after father kills two young sons, self

DAVID RUDGE

RESIDENTS of a small Galilee village were in a state of shock yesterday after a father murdered his two young children and then committed suicide.

The tragedy rocked Tzurit, a small community near Karmiel, just after midnight Tuesday when Tammy Galitsky returned to her home after attending a meeting of the village management committee.

She found her husband, Yishai, 38, lying unconscious on the floor near the entrance to the living room with a rope around his neck.

Galitsky ran to the bedroom of their two young children, 18-month-old Nadav and four-year-old Yuval, and discovered them dead in their beds. They had apparently been strangled.

The distraught mother staggered to a neighbor's house to call for help and collapsed. Neighbors who went to the couple's home tried to resuscitate the youngsters and called Magen David Adom. Paramedics declared the children dead at the scene.

The MDA personnel did resuscitate the father, however, and he was taken by ambulance to a critical condition to Nahariya Government Hospital. He later died of his injuries.

Police said that Galitsky, an unemployed computer engineer, had killed his children and then hanged himself. He fell to the ground after the rope broke.

Police found a five-page letter written by Galitsky at the scene, in which he outlined his soured relations with his wife, Tammy, 29, a special education teacher, had been seeking a divorce, which he had strongly opposed. He had apparently received a lawyers' letter on Tuesday outlining the alimony and child support payments he would have to make as part of a divorce settlement.

Neighbors said they were aware the couple were having marital difficulties and that Galitsky had threatened his family, though nobody suspected that he would take such extreme measures.

"We are all in a state of shock and upset over what has happened. We still can't believe it,"

said a neighbor yesterday. "This is a small settlement of about 120 families, around 500 people altogether, and we all know one another."

Neighbors said the couple had been married seven years and that they moved to Tzurit four years ago.

Despite their marital problems, the couple got on well with their neighbors and other residents of the close-knit village.

"It is maybe easier to be wise in hindsight, but nobody expected [Yishai] to ever do anything like this," said Danny Peled, secretary of the village management committee.

"He had made threats, but it would have been hard for anybody to say that they could see the writing on the wall, because there was nothing to indicate he would do something so extreme."

Peled said psychologists had been sent to the village from the Misgav Regional Council to aid parents in helping their children cope with the tragedy.

Hundreds of people attended the funeral of Nadav and Yuval Galitsky, who were buried at the regional council cemetery yesterday afternoon.

Rabinovich: Arafat tapes 'don't contribute to peace'

DAVID MAKOVSKY

PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat's recent videotaped statements, which included favorable references to jihad (holy war) and a laudatory comment about a Palestinian terrorist involved in a 1978 atrocity were "unnecessary" and "do not contribute to the peace process," Israel's Ambassador to the US Itamar Rabinovich said in a prepared statement last night.

The statement was issued by the Prime Minister's Office just before midnight after the videos were played on both Channel 1 and Channel 2.

Rabinovich made clear that Israel's primary criteria for judging the Palestinian Authority would be more by its deeds than its words, citing the PA's new efforts in the fight against terrorism.

Peres: Nothing final on extent of Israel's withdrawal from rural lands after '96

DAVID MAKOVSKY

FOREIGN Minister Shimon Peres will make no written commitment to the Palestinians on the extent of Israel's pullback from non-populated rural areas, a pullback that will take place primarily after the 1996 elections, informed sources said last night.

Peres refused to commit Israel to transferring precise amounts of territory at any of three stages planned over an 18-month period, nor will there be a commitment on the total amount of land to be transferred.

The Palestinians originally wanted Israel to commit to transferring 20 percent of the territory in question every three months, beginning after the Palestinian elections scheduled later this year, until 80 percent was handed over by early 1997, but this demand was rejected.

Some observers believe Peres verbally promised PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat to conditionally transfer the bulk of non-populated rural areas after the 1996 election. One Palestinian said the fact that Israel did not commit itself in writing to a precise territorial handover of the rural areas means: "We have gone from DOP (Declaration of Principles) to TOP or trusting of principals."

Should Labor win next year's election and the Palestinians prove adept in curbing terrorism, Arafat believes he will receive nearly all the state land in the territories. The exceptions will be state land in the Jordan Valley, areas inside settlement blocs, and designated military installations. An estimated 70 percent of the settlers live in settlement blocs.

Peres said yesterday that "no maps were opened" during his key five-hour meeting with Arafat in Taba on Monday night. He held consultations last night with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, senior ministers, and other top security officials, after which he returned to Taba.

Having succeeded in not promising a fixed percentage of land to the Palestinians now and having two of the three phases occur after the Israeli elections, Peres spoke of a "package deal" that could wrap up much of the remaining six issues on the agenda.

In return for Arafat's concession on the transfer of rural areas, sources said they expect the PLO leader to win visible concessions that are important to him as

he approaches his own elections this year. He is expected to gain a foothold in Hebron and a significant release of Palestinian prisoners, the sources said.

Sources say Arafat, having made a concession, would like Israel to reciprocate by expelling the nearly 400 Jews living in Hebron.

One source said Peres and Arafat agreed on a the formation of a committee that would deal with the issue of water, since they found no solution.

Among the other unresolved issues: the character of police movements on intercity roads and between villages; infrastructure issues; and the division of tax revenues and user fees that Palestinians have been paying to Israel.

A turning point in the emergence of this "package deal" being worked out was a dinner held last week in Gaza.

The dinner was held at the home of UN Special Coordinator in the Territories Terje Larsen, with Arafat the guest of honor. They were joined by US Ambassador Martin Indyk, US Consul-General Ed Abington, and Palestinian Authority Justice Minister Freih Abu Medein.

The purpose of the dinner, apparently held with Peres's knowledge and approval, was to radically restructure the languishing Israeli-Palestinian negotiations. There was a realization that there no deal could be struck by more than a dozen committees involving 160 different people.

Furthermore, recent Palestinian violence and the settler initiatives on the hilltops in the territories filled those present with a sense of urgency. This sense of urgency was exacerbated by the fact that Rabin had agreed to meetings with settler leaders. It was felt a dialogue with the settlers could restrict Israeli flexibility in negotiations, the longer they dragged out.

Therefore, the goal was to simplify the negotiations by having each side prioritize its issues. But only top-level negotiators could proceed with the deal-making phase and make the needed political tradeoffs.

Getting Peres and Arafat involved in the negotiations upgraded them from discussions to a decision-making phase. Dinner participants believed that once the two sat together in a secluded setting like Taba, a deal could be struck in four to seven days.

Arafat was keen to enter direct negotiations with Peres. He had been complaining for weeks that the US and or Egypt should be brought into the talks to force them forward.

US special Middle East peace coordinator Dennis Ross also believed the talks needed to be simplified or else they could never move forward, and he made sure this message got through to Arafat.

When asked at the dinner to identify his top four priorities, Arafat identified five issues in the following order: release of Palestinian prisoners, establishing a PA presence in Hebron, satisfactory resolution of issues in the non-municipal areas, water, and obtaining revenues and user fees from such levies as a gas tax.

Peres had already identified Israel's priorities as security-related issues, water, and a flexible timetable that would allow Israel to delay transferring non-populated areas of the countryside to the PA after next year's elections. Peres made clear that should Arafat be inflexible on this last issue, he would not attend the proposed talks in Taba.

Those present at the dinner suggested to Arafat that he should be accommodating on the issues critical to Peres, since that might lead Peres to be forthcoming on the issues of importance to him. Arafat phoned Peres from the dinner and agreed that they begin marathon talks on Monday. Peres tentatively agreed, pending Rabin's approval.

Palestinian chief negotiator Ahmed Qreia was against such a marathon session as was Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazen). First of all, ensuring that Israel commit itself in writing to a percentage transfer of the rural area on specific dates was pivotal to Qreia's strategy was. He felt that yielding to Peres would essentially mean trusting Israeli goodwill, and this would be insufficient.

Secondly, Qreia had already served as chief negotiator with Israel in Oslo two years ago, only to see himself supplanted by rival Nabil Shaath. Summit-like negotiations would once again put him in the back seat.

However, Arafat had already decided that he would now run the negotiations himself. Like a good soldier, Qreia met with his Israeli counterpart Foreign Ministry Director-General Uri Savir on Saturday to finalize the agenda for the Peres-Arafat talks.

Lamia Lahoud contributed to this report.

Closure imposed on Gaza Strip for 'security reasons'

ALON PINKAS

A TWO-DAY closure was imposed on the Gaza Strip as of 1 a.m. today for "security reasons," the IDF spokesman announced.

No further details were disclosed, but security officials said that the measure is "preventive."

The sources would not comment on the possibility that Israeli forces are searching for an individual, but confirmed that such measures were taken in the past

when intelligence information indicated that an attack was being planned or was about to be executed.

Channel 1 said the closure was based on indications that if an agreement with the Palestinians was reached last night, an attack might be carried out.

Former slave laborers ejected from I.G. Farben board meeting

FRANKFURT - The SS was abolished, the Nazi brown shirts too. But I.G. Farben, a company whose name evokes the thousands it worked to death at Auschwitz, still exists, much to the rage of its victims.

Yesterday demonstrators seeking compensation for surviving slave workers of Nazi-era I.G. Farben were shouted down and thrown out of a company meeting.

About 10 former slaves and sympathizers were ordered to leave the shareholders' meeting after disrupting it with chants and whistles. The "critical shareholders" demanded the company be liquidated immediately and the proceeds paid to surviving slave laborers.

About a dozen people demonstrated outside the meeting at a Frankfurt airport hotel. Peter Gingold, 79, whose family died at Auschwitz, wore a sandwich board that read, "My brother and sister were murdered with poison gas from I.G. Farben."

"The existence of this company makes a mockery of its victims," said Gingold. "Its

shares are stained with blood."

I.G. Farben's factories included a notorious synthetic rubber plant at Auschwitz, where 30,000 people worked until they died or were deemed unfit for work and sent to the gas chambers.

An company subsidiary, Degesch, produced the Zyklon-B cyanide tablets used to gas hundreds of thousands.

Many big German corporations have recently shown a willingness to more frankly face their Nazi past. Deutsche Bank, Germany's largest private bank, recently helped publish a history that described the bank's role in stripping Jews of their property in the 1930s. Hoechst chemicals pledged a large sum to help take care of German Holocaust memorials.

But I.G. Farben's managers say the company has paid its debt to the victims and that its first duty is to creditors and stockholders.

Many of the 350 shareholders at yesterday's meeting shouted at Eduard Bernhardt, a critical shareholder, when he demanded the company's dissolution.

"I won't allow it, you blockhead," said Ernst Krienke, head of the supervisory board. Six young leftists stood up and shouted "Down with fascism!" and were wrestled out of the hall by private security guards as shareholders yelled, "Throw them out!"

Krienke pointed out that the company paid DM 30 million (NIS 24 million at the time) in 1957 to the US-based Jewish Claims Conference, which compensated an estimated 10,000 western European, Israeli, and US Jews.

Critics want I.G. Farben to pay eastern European slave laborers who were never compensated. About 8,000 have filed claims, said Henry Mathews of the critical shareholders.

Krienke said the company is only worth DM 30 million (now worth NIS 63 million) and has no cash for such payments.

"The Holocaust isn't our problem, it's all of Germany's problem," he said. "We're just the company that everyone hangs it on."

He later agreed to a shareholder's proposal that the board consult with the govern-

ment about federal compensation of the eastern Europeans, based on the appraised value of government-held property in east Germany that I.G. Farben has laid claim to.

Gingold and Mathews were skeptical, saying the plan was vague, put the burden on taxpayers and would take too long.

"It's nothing more than a stalling tactic until the last survivor dies," Gingold said.

I.G. Farben was stripped of its assets in 1953 and has since mainly existed as a holding company to settle lawsuits and property claims. Its pulse began beating again in 1989, when unification sent its lawyers scurrying to recover 150 sq. km. of former East German territory.

After the war I.G. Farben was broken up and its plants were transferred to Hoechst, Bayer, and BASF, today Germany's three largest chemical firms.

The liquidation of I.G. Farben is taking so long because it is still trying to reclaim property seized from the company by World War II victors.

(Agencies)

UK Jews angry over Nazi gas name for pier ride

LONDON (Reuters) - British Jews have protested at plans to name a roller coaster ride Zyklon - the cyanide gas used in Nazi death camps - and it may now be changed.

"This is in extremely bad taste," a spokesman for the British Board of Deputies said of the new ride being built on the amusement pier at the southern English seaside resort of Brighton.

Pier officials said the Italian roller coaster makers had originally chosen the word because it sounded like cyclone.

On hearing reports that the name may now be changed, local Jewish leader Stanley Lerner told reporters yesterday. "We are pleased the company has taken note of our feelings,



Netanyahu demands referendum on accord with Arafat

LIKUD Chairman MK Binyamin Netanyahu yesterday demanded a public referendum on any agreement the government reaches with Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat.

Netanyahu said that if he is elected prime minister, he will honor only those agreements which the other side also observes. This would exclude the Oslo agreement, which he said the government itself admits the Palestinians are violating in several ways.

Netanyahu charged the government with hiding information from the public concerning Arafat's real intentions, and demanded that it present the details of the agreement to the public.

"I have no doubt that we are facing a series of additional concessions. The government is rushing helter-skelter, in a panic even, leading the public astray by

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establishing territorial facts accomplishing which could close off Israel's options for a permanent settlement," he said.

"An agreement which is not kept by one side, does not obligate the other side," he continued. "When we form the government, we will act according to Israel's national interests, mainly its security interests. We will honor agreements, but only those which are kept by the other side. This, however, is not the case concerning the Oslo agreement, which according to government spokesmen themselves, is being violated in countless ways by the other side."

Netanyahu demanded that Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin bring to the people the agreement and let the people decide on it.

"He simply cannot determine the future of Eretz Yisrael, of the state, its security, of Zionism and of land distribution, when he promised not to do so. He must hold a public referendum to preserve the government and nation's integrity, and to ensure democratic decency."

Meanwhile, Tsomet leader MK Rafael Eitan attacked the right-wing demonstrators who blocked roads throughout the country on Tuesday night, charging them with causing hatred among the people and possibly leading to civil war.

Speaking to youth in Gush Katif, Eitan said that the thousands of people stuck in traffic jams will never vote for the "national camp," due to the aggravation caused them. He urged the demonstrators to act within the confines of the law and to avoid clashing with the security forces.



Chief Rabbis Eliahu Bakshi-Doron (left) and Yisrael Lau (center) shake hands yesterday with Labor Party Secretary-General Nissim Zivili, who had asked for a meeting last week in an effort to involve the rabbis in preventing a rift in the nation. (Efraim Kilbick)

Chief rabbis take to idea of mediating between Left and Right

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involve the rabbis in preventing a rift in the nation.

"I don't exonerate ourselves from the responsibility for the lack of adequate communication with a portion of the settlers," Zivili said. "Until now, whatever talks were between us were a dialogue of the deaf. Since I regard the chief rabbis as the spiritual leaders of all the people, I asked them to step in and try to stop the deterioration."

The chief rabbis welcomed Zivili's initiative. Lau said that helping reconcile one man and

another is no less important than "bringing peace between a man and his wife, something the rabbis of Israel have been doing for generations and consider an issue of the utmost importance."

Bakshi-Doron said "one can understand the plight of people under pressure, who feel they are being abandoned. We have asked for clarifications that can bring back these people's self-confidence and give them assurances that they will not be dragged into the situation they are afraid of. Clearly, the situation we reached yesterday requires an urgent solution."

Collaborator charged with spying for PA

RAINE MARCUS

A PALESTINIAN collaborator was charged yesterday with spying for the Palestinian Authority by the Tel Aviv District Court.

Mohammed Haj Abdullah, 23, from a village near Jenin, had aided the Israeli security services from 1989 until his arrest. He was thus allowed to live in Tel Aviv and was issued an Israeli identity card.

According to the indictment, last month he approached the PA in Jericho and offered them his services. He allegedly gave the PA information about General Security Service methods, submitted names of collaborators living in Israel, and gave detailed descriptions of operators, their code names and the missions they requested.

Abdullah was asked to find additional collaborators and give information about their whereabouts to the authority. According to the indictment, he was asked to murder a Palestinian suspected collaborator. The PA also allegedly asked him to supply his Israeli operators with false information.

Hamas warns Clinton: Detention of Abu Marzook will have consequences

DAMASCUS (Reuters) - Hamas warned President Bill Clinton yesterday of "negative and grave consequences" for detaining its political leader.

In a statement faxed to Reuters in Damascus, Hamas said the Clinton administration had committed "a grave political mistake" by deciding to keep Mousa Abu Marzook in custody pending a formal extradition request from Israel.

"The administration of Bill

Clinton rejected all official and popular appeals to free Dr. Abu Marzook and insisted on committing a grave political mistake which will have negative and grave consequences," the Hamas statement said.

Abu Marzook, 43, was detained in New York on July 25 when he tried to enter the US. He was formally arrested on Tuesday and a magistrate told him Israel wanted him put on trial for terrorism and conspiracy to commit

murder.

Israel has said it would seek Abu Marzook's extradition from because he was "engaged in conspiracies to commit the crimes of murder, manslaughter, grievous harm, wounding ... under aggravating circumstances."

Hamas has denied Abu Marzook was ever involved in any attacks on Israel and said his calls for ending the campaign of violence had met with disapproval within the group.

Clinton regrets Arafat's refusal to change Covenant

TOM TUBEND

LOS ANGELES

US PRESIDENT Bill Clinton has expressed his disappointment in Yasser Arafat's continuing failure to revoke the Palestinian Covenant, which calls for the destruction of Israel.

"We hope Arafat [will repeal the threat]... and we will continue to urge [such] action at the earliest opportunity," Clinton wrote in a letter received by the Simon Wiesenthal Center on Monday.

Clinton's statement was in response to a Wiesenthal Center request that a White House ceremony to mark the signing of the Israel-PLO interim agreement be delayed until Arafat makes good on his revocation pledge.

In their letter to Clinton, Rabbis Marvin Hier and Abraham Cooper of the Wiesenthal Center urged that Arafat not be rewarded with a Washington visit until the covenant had been repealed.

Clinton did not respond directly to this request, noting only that "both sides have indicated their desire to hold a signing ceremony at the White House... and we affirmed our willingness to serve as host."

Originally, the signing ceremony was scheduled for July 25, but the earliest likely date now appears to be in mid-September.

Clinton noted that "Arafat has told the Israeli government that amendment to the covenant would be part of his electoral campaign platform and that the new Palestinian Council would take the necessary action."

Other reports said Arafat will not confront the issue until two months after the Palestinian elections.

Cooper denounced the delays, adding that "it looks like the goalposts are being moved further and further back."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Baby drowns after fall from boat

A 20-month-old boy from Bnei Brak drowned yesterday when he fell off a boat during a family outing at Yarkon Park in Tel Aviv. Magen David Adom paramedics tried to resuscitate the boy without success.

Netanya mayor's car bombed

An explosive device was planted in the car of Netanya Mayor Zvi Poleg early yesterday morning. The TNT brick exploded at about 3:30 a.m. Police said the device was planted near the driver's door and was intended as a threat and was probably not meant to maim or kill.

Poleg told reporters that he had received threats recently and said he "had possible suspects in mind," but said he could not link the two incidents for certain. Another possible motive was his plans to fire city workers, he said.

Soldier shoots mom

AN off-duty soldier shot and seriously wounded his mother during a family argument at their home in Upper Nazareth yesterday afternoon.

The woman, 54, was taken to Ha'emek Hospital in Afula, where her condition was reported to be serious but stable. Police said the shooting occurred during an argument between the soldier, his sister and her husband. The soldier fired several shots from his M-16 rifle which struck his mother.

Police said the soldier, 19, had later admitted that he had intended to shoot his brother-in-law and did not know how the bullets struck his mother.

Man found with arms cache in car

Safed Magistrate's Court yesterday lifted a publication ban on the arrest of Mohammed Khatib, 30, of Kfar Kana, who was found with five M-16 rifles, three pistols and hundreds of rounds of various types of ammunition in his car, and \$6,500. Two weeks ago, he was remanded for 14 days, although he insisted he needed the weapons for self-defense.

In a continuation of a police probe into Arab arms dealers in the North, a resident of Jatt was arrested yesterday. He was found in Hadera with three pistols and 32 kg. of what police believe is hashish in his car.

NRP to move to Jerusalem in two weeks

The National Religious Party will move its institutions to Jerusalem's Romema quarter in about two weeks, thus becoming the first party to establish its headquarters in the capital.

The NRP has sold its longtime headquarters in Tel Aviv for \$5.25 million to the Mashab building company.

Ministry will take truckers to court

Transport Minister Yisrael Kessar has ordered legal action taken against the Reichman Brothers trucking firm, whose truck on Monday dropped a large container at the Fureidis junction that

crushed a car and killed the driver, Rabel Yazdi.

A preliminary investigation showed the truck was carrying 15 tons of cargo over the permitted limit.

Energy pact delayed at Jordan's request

THE Energy Ministry is awaiting clarification from the Foreign Ministry as to the reasons Jordan has delayed signing the energy agreement with Israel, reached after painstaking negotiations. The pact was to have been signed next week.

The Jordanians are thought to have sought the delay after detecting unusually high levels of

radioactivity close to the border in the Arava. Suspicious as to its origins immediately focused on the nuclear facility near Dimona.

A spokeswoman for the Energy Ministry said she has not yet been informed of Jordan's reasons for requesting the delay. The Foreign Ministry attributed the request to "technical reasons."

Darwish: Protests are dangerous to peace

AMMAN (Reuters) - The leader of Israel's Islamic Movement yesterday attacked right-wing Israelis for their protests over Israeli-PLO peace moves.

"The issue of Jerusalem... and the protests that are taking place could complicate the peace process," Sheikh Abdullah Nimr Darwish, head of the movement, said during his first visit to Jordan.

"These protests have gone beyond their aim...they have become a challenge to the legitimate government. This is a dangerous warning bell," Darwish told Reuters.

"The opposition has the right to protest but they should not strip the government of its right to practice its convictions."

Darwish met Foreign Minister Abdul-Karim al-Kabriti and might get an audience with King Hussein.

He said he also expected to meet representatives of Jordan's opposition, a coalition of 11 parties who have vowed to peacefully oppose peace with Israel. They include the Islamic Action Front Party, the largest group in parliament.

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Katshyas start to fly. We want to drive a wedge between Bir Nabala and Jerusalem." The encampment overlooks the Palestinian villages of Bir Nabala and El-Jib.

The police, meanwhile, are preparing charge sheets against 12 of the 130 demonstrators arrested Tuesday for blocking the roads. Police Insp.-Gen. Assaf Hefetz held a meeting with his top officers yesterday, at which it was decided that the files of the rest of those arrested will not be closed without first obtaining the approval of the head of the police investigating unit.

Hefetz said that in light of violence used against the police at some of the sites of Tuesday's demonstrations, especially near Kfar Habad and in Jerusalem, the police will have no choice but to "use stricter measures at its disposal to disperse and arrest rioters."

ISRAEL AIRPORTS AUTHORITY

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Israel Police

Witnesses are being sought to give evidence against Nazi crimes suspects in the former Soviet Union.

The Canadian Police is interested in questioning persons who spent time in the following areas in the Soviet Union during World War II:

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Slonim - Belarus

Survivors of World War II who lived in the above areas are urgently requested to contact the Nazi Crimes Investigator in the General Investigations Unit at Tel. 03-9393495, 03-9393496.

To our colleague

Rafi Cohen

Our sincere condolences on the tragic loss of your

Brother ז"ל

Zimrom, Bucharest

We express our sympathies and condolences

to the family and friends of

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President of ARZA

whose untimely passing cut short her dedicated service to Kfar Yisrael.

Kibbutz Lotan

TONY GORDON

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The funeral will take place on Friday, August 11, 1995, at Kibbutz Givat Hashlosha, at 11:00 a.m. A bus will leave Ramat Chen at 10:00 a.m.

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The three mothers whose teenage children died in the stampede at the Arad Festival discuss the tragedy at a meeting yesterday at the Education Ministry. From left: Orly Elkativ, Nehama Peled and Sarina Yitzhak. (Brian Headler)

Clalit rejects court compromise on payment for multiple sclerosis drug

JUDY SIEGEL

KUPAT Holim Clalit yesterday refused a compromise proposed by the Tel Aviv District Labor Court, to pay half the cost of the multiple sclerosis drug Betaserone to a 35-year-old patient for three months, until the issue is decided by the regional labor court.

It is the second case in the past few months in which an MS patient has sued a health fund to get the drug, which is manufactured in the US and has shown promising results on many of 35,000 patients tested. Imported by Agis, it is the only drug designed to ease attacks of the autoimmune disease to receive approval from the US Food and Drug Administration.

Clalit lawyer Dov Weisglas and Health Ministry representatives argued in court against requiring insurers to supply the drug, which costs NIS 5,000 per patient per

month. The drug has not yet been approved for marketing here, but the patient's lawyer yesterday claimed that some 15 MS patients here are already receiving it at the expense of their insurers, which include all four health funds. Clalit denied it was supplying the drug to anyone except the first woman who went to court.

The labor court is hearing the case because it is charged with dealing with all issues pertaining to the National Health Insurance Law.

The patient's lawyer claimed that an Ashkelon woman, who is a Clalit pharmacist, is receiving Betaserone for her own condition after sending a personal request to Health Minister Ephraim Sneh.

The lawyer also maintained that a number of physicians suf-

fering from MS, and others with good "connections," are also getting the drug. The court asked for a list of patients already receiving the drug and will resume the hearing next week. No Health Ministry official could be reached for comment on the lawyer's allegations.

Clalit spokesman David Tagar said that if the public committee in charge of the basket of health services decided to include Betaserone, it would implement the decision.

The first court case involved a woman in her early 40s who was unable to walk because of the disease, in which the body's immune system attacks the myelin coating of the nerves, causing a wide variety of disabilities. The court decided that Clalit would pay for the drug for six months,

until a higher court hears the issue, and that if her appeal were lost, she would reimburse the health fund. This woman reportedly is able to walk now because of the drug.

Even if the ministry decides to approve marketing of the drug, it won't be in the basket of health services that all insurers must supply unless the public committee - comprising representatives of the Health and Finance ministries, the health funds and other bodies - agree.

Committee members are known to oppose including the drug in the basket, because it would add millions of shekels of expenses that - if not covered by health taxes - must be budgeted by the government. The 3,000 MS patients here, most of them in their most productive years, argue that their disability costs the economy far more.

Rabbis disqualify marriage because couple's witness lives on a kibbutz

A ZICHRON Ya'acov couple was astonished to learn a few days after their wedding that Rabbi Michael Ungar, the town's rabbi, had refused to approve their marriage certificate because one of the witnesses to the marriage was from Kibbutz Ma'agan Michael.

The acting rabbi of Hadara also refused to validate the marriage, again because the witness was a kibbutznik and, he said, "All kibbutzniks eat rabbit and pork."

MK Hagai Merom, from Kibbutz Yifat, said both rabbis

should be fired, and such practices stopped immediately. Religious Affairs Minister Shimon Shetreet said he will ask the chief rabbis to instruct all rabbis to show more flexibility and understanding.

Sigal, the bride, told interviewer Shelly Yehimovitz that she had "gone to the Zichron rabbinate after the wedding and asked Rabbi Ungar for her marriage certificate. He was happy to see me and said he had personally dealt with the case and there was a problem - one of the witnesses who signed the ketuba, a very good friend of ours, was not kosher because he is

a member of Ma'agan Michael. "It is obvious that the witness does not observe the commandments because he is a kibbutznik," the rabbi said, "and a witness who does not observe the commandments is not a valid witness."

Sigal added that Ungar told her there was really no problem - all she had to do was come back with her husband and two observant witnesses, and he would remarry them. This she refused to do.

Ungar said Sigal's version was essentially correct, but insisted that he had personally checked whether the witness was observant and had not disqualified him solely because he was a kibbutz member. (Iim)

Elementary schools will keep their guards

BILL HUTMAN

THE government has given in to pressure from parents and agreed to continue to place security guards at all elementary schools.

The decision was taken at a Tuesday meeting between Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and senior ministers and officials who deal with the issue of school security.

Last month, the government decided to do away with most guards stationed at specific schools, and instead use beefed up police patrols to protect schools.

The heavy protest by parents groups forced the government to alter its plans.

Police will go-ahead with beefed up patrols, but guards will also be hired for elementary schools.

No mention was made of high schools.

The new plan "is aimed at calming parents," Police Minister Moshe Shahal said after the meeting.

Also at the meeting were Finance Minister Avraham Shohat, MK Dalia Itzik, chairman of the Knesset Education Committee; Adi Eldar, chairman of the Local Councils Authority; Yigal Pressler, Rabin's adviser on terrorism; and Inspector-General Assaf Hefetz.

The Police and Education ministries and Local Councils Authority will foot the bill for the guards, it was agreed.

Gaza boy's body washes ashore at Zikim

THE body of Sami Ali Abdallah, 13, of Jebalya, who disappeared Tuesday while swimming off Gaza, washed ashore on the Zikim beach yesterday afternoon.

The lifeguard from Kibbutz Zikim noticed the body and called police. An army doctor pronounced the boy dead, and the police contacted the Palestinian Police, who told them he had been missing since Tuesday.

An uncle came to identify the body, which was taken to the Institute for Forensic Medicine at Abu Kabir. (Iim)

Broad coalition of residents opposes B-G Airport expansion

HAIM SHAPIRO

A COALITION of residents from the center of the country, who fear the noise and danger of a bigger airport, and people from the Negev, who anticipate more business and jobs from an airport in their region, yesterday united with environmentalists to oppose Ben-Gurion 2000, the Airports Authority plan for a new and bigger airport.

Representing a wide coalition that crossed party and ideological lines, MK Nissim Zivli of Labor sat at the rostrum together with MK Pini Badash of Tsomet, who is also the head of the local council of the Beersheba suburb of Omer.

"I am happy that we now have increased tourism, but it is not right to push through such a far-reaching plan without adequate preparation," Zivli said.

He argued that the planned new terminal, together with the proposed runways, would put intolerable pressure on the center of the country. The Tel Aviv-Jerusalem highway would become one big traffic jam, with triple the current number of cars using it, he added.

He also said that lip service had been paid to developing the Negev for decades. There are very few times when it is possible to steer events in the right direction, and this is one of them, he maintained.

At the same time, Zivli said, the Netavim military airfield in the Negev is virtually ready to be put into use as a civilian airport. An airport could help to channel much needed tourism to the Negev, he added.

"Continue to develop Ben-Gurion Airport as it becomes necessary, but don't turn it into the airport for the 21st century," he said.

Badash argued that with the new Trans-Israel Highway, Tel Aviv and Jerusalem would be 40 minutes' away from Netavim. If Ben-Gurion were expanded, on the other hand, the increased traffic would mean that it would take hours to get to it.

A Negev airport, on the other hand, would be close to Eilat, the proposed free trade zone, and the Dead Sea. Badash noted.

Holon Mayor Motti Sasson said that life is already intolerable in those parts of his city which are in the Ben-Gurion flight path.

Sasson said that 28,000 apartments have been planned for the area which would be affected by the new runways.

"Who is going to compensate the land owners?" he asked.

Moshe Menashe, head of the Emeq Lod regional council, adjacent to Ben-Gurion, predicted a sharp drop in the quality of life

for people who have lived and farmed in the area for 50 years.

Ben-Gurion 2000 had first been approved by the government, and only afterwards did the planners come in, he charged.

Kfar Habad activist Dov "Birke" Wolf said the plans included a six-lane highway 16 meters above the community and 28 meters from the nearest home, with cars whizzing back and forth daily, including Shabbat. The Habad community around the world would not tolerate such a situation, he said.

In response, Airports Authority spokesman Yehiel Amitai issued a statement in which he said that Ben-Gurion 2000 had been approved as a national priority project by the government in January 1994.

He said that the planning had gone through the legal channels and the High Court of Justice had only recently rejected all the petitions against land expropriation for the project.

Amitai said that the Negev airport project had been considered and would be acted upon in the future, but that it took 15 to 20 years to build a new airport and there is a pressing need.

Amitai also pointed out that not only is the number of tourists increasing rapidly, but also the number of Israelis using the airport to go abroad.

Mendel Kaplan to replace Kollek as head of Jerusalem Foundation

BILL HUTMAN

MENDEL Kaplan, former chairman of the Jewish Agency Board of Governors, has been named chairman of the Jerusalem Foundation, after former mayor Teddy Kollek stepped down from the post.

Kollek said he wanted to allow "a younger generation" to take the helm.

The chairmanship was first offered to Mayor Ehud Olmert, who turned it down. Olmert demanded administrative changes that would give him wide control, which Kollek and others at the foundation would not agree to, sources said.

Olmert had earlier also reject-

ed an offer by Kollek that the two serve as co-chairmen of the foundation, which is expected to raise some NIS 80 million for the city this year.

"The mayor has no interest in commenting on subjects related to the Jerusalem Foundation. The mayor is busy with his duties, and is active in raising money for the city to the best of his ability," a municipal spokeswoman said.

The sources said major foundation contributors from here and abroad pressured Olmert to take the post, but to no avail.

The foundation's general as-

sembly meeting in Jerusalem last week accepted Kollek's resignation and the appointment of Kaplan.

Kollek is to remain with the foundation, which he has headed since its establishment in 1966, as chairman for life of its international council.

"I don't need titles to do the job done," Kollek told the assembly. "I will continue to be as active in the Jerusalem Foundation as I have been in the past."

"At the same time, I am now 84, even though I feel like I'm 24, and the time has come to open the way for a younger generation."

Alleged dealer gets furlough from jail for his wedding and honeymoon

BILL HUTMAN

AN alleged drug dealer, arrested in a major narcotics bust in Jerusalem on Tuesday, was released from jail yesterday so he can attend his wedding and go on a brief honeymoon.

Motti Rahamim, 23, was released on bail and signed an agreement that he would return to the Russian Compound lock-up on Sunday.

"He had already invited hundreds of people to the wedding on Thursday, so we felt it was the right thing to do," a police spokesman said.

The Magistrate's Court judge and District Attor-

ney's Office agreed, and gave them approval for the deal, under which Rahamim's 10-day remand will begin Sunday.

Six other drug dealers were also nabbed in the bust, which followed months of police.

A former drug user working undercover purchased over NIS 50,000 in heroin and cocaine from the dealers, according to police.

The six suspected dealers, five Jews and an Arab, were remanded yesterday by Jerusalem Magistrate's Court for periods between 10 and 15 days.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Girl, 16, gang raped in Acre

The 16-year-old daughter of UN personnel, who live in a moshav in the Western Galilee, was allegedly gang raped by a group of Arabs in Acre. Police have arrested three suspects.

The girl, a Finnish national whose parents serve in south Lebanon, left her house Tuesday and didn't return. Police launched searches and she was eventually found at 4 a.m. at the Nahariya police station, in a state of shock and badly bruised. She said she had gone to a friend's house in Acre and when she arrived there were about 10 young men there who raped her repeatedly for hours. She said they finally let her go in the middle of the night and she managed to reach Nahariya. Police are searching for more suspects. (Iim)

Held for torching Amidar

A 56-year-old man who allegedly torched the Amidar office in Mitpze Ramon when officials refused to give him a different apartment was remanded for seven days by the Beersheba Magistrate's Court yesterday and ordered sent for psychiatric evaluation.

The fire destroyed 150 files and caused serious damage to the office's archives. (Iim)

Two indicted in car shakedown

Two Beersheba men, Gramzangum Gazizmagidov, 43, and Genady Sosonov, 31, were indicted in Beersheba District Court yesterday for violently forcing a man to give them his car.

According to the indictment, the two showed up one morning at the workplace of Genady Chankov and demanded his car.

When he refused, Gazizmagidov punched him in the face and pulled a knife, but when Chankov began shouting the two fled. They returned the next day, beat him again, and this time he gave them his car keys and they drove off.

The court ordered the two be kept in jail until trial. (Iim)

Plan for Beduin submitted

Local authority heads, mayors, and representatives of the northern Beduin communities will, by the beginning of October, submit a five-year plan to improve the Beduin's conditions to Prime Minister's Office Director-General Zvi Alderoti.

The Prime Minister's Office will shortly assign a senior representative to Nazareth to strengthen the connection between it and the minority communities in the North.

Aid set for fire victims

The interministerial committee investigating the Jerusalem Corridor fire met yesterday with representatives of the Mateh Yehuda Regional Council, and agreed to provide government financing for infrastructure damage beyond the collective insurance compensation of NIS 6 million.

The government will cover the damages to the electrical, sewage, and water systems, to roads, and to sidewalks. The government will also offer subsidized mortgages at preferred terms to the families whose homes were destroyed. The committee will consider assisting in the reconstruction of damaged chicken coops. (Jerusalem Post Staff)

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Helicopter crashes near Hebron

A CIVILIAN helicopter crashed as it was trying to land near Hebron yesterday. The pilot was hurt, although the extent of his injuries were not known.

IDF forces arrived at the scene of the crash, just over the Green Line, and began administering first aid to the pilot. (Iim)

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Bombs derail Algerian train

ALGIERS (AP) - Bombs caused a train to derail and wrecked a city hall, killing at least five people and injuring about two dozen others in the latest sabotage attacks blamed on Moslem extremists, informed sources said yesterday.

Passengers said several bombs were placed on the railway where the train jumped the tracks near Ksar El-Boukhari, 170 km south of Algiers. At least five people were killed and 20 injured, said passengers.

Tuesday evening, a car bomb exploded in the parking lot of the city hall of Ben-Akroum, an upscale neighborhood in Algiers hills.

Hospital sources said two people were killed, while hospital officials said five people were injured. Police maintained a cordon around the area yesterday as they searched for clues in the attack.

Another explosion was heard near the southeast Algiers suburb of Baraki but there were no immediate reports on the cause or whether it resulted in injuries.

The attacks went unclaimed, but suspicion fell on Moslem fundamentalist extremists fighting the military-backed government of President Liamine Zerroual.

Zerroual has promised presidential elections before the end of the year despite protests by the opposition, and voter registration is underway at national city halls.

More than 30,000 people have died since the government canceled January 1992 parliamentary elections the Islamic Salvation Front was expected to win.

Russia to probe for life on Mars

MOSCOW (Reuters) - Russia plans to launch an unmanned probe to Mars late next year to check for signs of life just beneath the surface of Earth's closest planetary neighbor, space officials said yesterday.

"We will try to answer a simple question: are there any signs of life just under the surface of the planet?" said Vyacheslav Linkin, laboratory chief at Russia's Institute of Space Research (ISR).

In 1975 the US Viking probe discovered no signs of life on the surface of Mars itself.

But Linkin said it was possible that Russia's half-tonne Mars-96 probe - the first of its kind for seven years - might have more luck when it took samples of soil up to 30 cm beneath the planet surface in November 1996.

After the probe enters Mars orbit it is designed to release four small modules which will descend to the planet's surface before taking soil samples.

Linkin also said that before the end of the century, Russia planned to put a six-wheeled buggy on Mars which would transmit information for a full year.

Russian Space Agency (RSA) spokesman Alexander Tkachev said there were no serious obstacles against Mars-96 being sent on the 100 million km voyage.



An elderly Krajina Serb refugee walks past a column of fleeing vehicles on the Serbian border yesterday. Some 250,000 refugees are making their way to Serbia after Croatia's powerful offensive against the breakaway Krajina region. (Reuters)

BBC reporter killed by Croatian fire

LONDON (AP) - BBC journalist John Schofield was killed and two others were injured yesterday when Croatian forces opened fire on their car, the BBC said.

The 29-year-old BBC radio reporter was shot and died immediately, the BBC said in London. Two of his three colleagues from the BBC World Service suffered ricochet wounds, and another man was uninjured, the BBC said.

The BBC said the journalists were traveling with a convoy of the British Overseas Development Agency going to Bihac when they were attacked.

Thousands of exhausted, frightened Serb refugees fled east toward the Yugoslav border yesterday after Croatia promised not to attack them. Croat civilians gathered by the side of the road to curse them as they left.

"Go faster," elderly Croats shouted at the line of cars, many of which had bicycles on top. "You monkeys," others cursed.

The Serbs were fleeing a Croat offensive that recaptured most of the land taken by rebel Serbs in a 1991 war. Many civilians were believed to have been killed in the three-day blitz, but there are no accurate estimates of just how many.

As many as 200,000 Serbs - both fighters and civilians - are trying to flee from their former heartland, but until yesterday they

were trapped by fighting along the borders.

Red Cross and UN officials say about 90,000 refugees have made their way into Serb-held northern Bosnia, with another 50,000 in Croatia, trying to leave.

Yesterday morning, the United Nations brokered a truce between the Croatian army and the rebel Serbs: the rebels were to give up their heavy weapons in exchange for safe passage into Serb-led Yugoslavia.

Hours later, the first of an estimated 35,000 refugees trapped near the town of Topusko, 60 km south of Zagreb, began to head east toward Yugoslavia.

"It's all very sad," said Rada Toncevic, a Croat woman who watched the refugees stream by in Sisak, 50 km southeast of Zagreb. But, she said, "Croatia will be better with them gone."

The agreement called for UN escorts to accompany the refugees, but Michael Jorsbask said the Croat army had reneged on that part of the agreement. There were no UN vehicles with the convoy when it passed Sisak.

Capt. Mikhail Kmoedvrev, a UN peacekeeper, said he had seen no trouble as the refugees left. "But it will be very long trip today. They will have a long way to go to safety."

Concern about the safety of the Serb refugees was prompted by reports of atrocities

over the last several days. The United Nations has accused the Croatian army and its allies from the Moslem-led Bosnian army of attacking the refugees.

The UN agreement is the third in as many days, but yesterday's truce is more specific than the previous ones, and appeared to be holding.

It calls for the Serbs to turn over all heavy weapons to the United Nations and stop fighting in the area south of Zagreb where an unknown number of Serb soldiers were holding out.

In exchange, Croatia pledged to open a corridor into Yugoslavia for rebel fighters and Serb civilians. The United Nations was to provide fuel and escort for the refugee convoys.

"The cease-fire was concluded, and I hope that it will enable safe passage for civilians and military," said Yasushi Akashi, the top UN official for the former Yugoslavia.

Serb fighters began turning over heavy weapons to UN collection sites near Topusko, said Maj. Rita LePage, a UN spokeswoman. Shooting stopped in the afternoon in Dvor, the border town on the road leading from Topusko into Serb-held parts of Bosnia. Earlier, fighting had raged between rebel Serbs and the cooperating Croatian and Bosnian armies.

Grateful Dead master guitarist Jerry Garcia dies at 53

NOVATO, California (AP) - Jerry Garcia, the master guitarist whose rock band the Grateful Dead symbolized US counterculture of the 1960s and remained a top concert draw three decades later, died yesterday at a drug treatment center. He was 53.

No cause of death was immediately given. He was found at 4:23 a.m. by a counselor at Serenity Knowles, a residential treatment center for drug addiction, said Dan Murphy of the

Marin County sheriff's office. A nurse and sheriff's department staff who were summoned failed to revive him, Murphy said.

The Grateful Dead, with its roots in San Francisco's psychedelic scene of the 1960s, combined rock, bluegrass, and folk influences into a unique stew. Garcia was lead guitarist, composer, and vocalist.

Among the band's best known songs were "Truckin'," "Casey Jones," and "Friend of the Devil." Its only top 10 hit was the 1987 song "Touch of Grey."

with its refrain "I will survive." But the Dead was almost more a way of life than a band to thousands of fans, many of whom religiously followed the group from concert to concert.

The band has been the most popular act in the United States, grossing tens of millions of dollars each year.

"You need music," Garcia once said. "I don't know why; it's probably one of those Joe Campbell questions, why we need ritual. We need magic, and bliss, and power, myth, and celebration and religion in our lives, and music is a good way to encapsulate a lot of it."

The bearded, rotund Garcia had a history of health problems

that caused frequent breaks in the Dead's grueling concert schedule. In 1986, he entered the hospital in a diabetic coma.

He also has admitted past drug abuse.

Garcia slimmed down, stopped smoking and hired a personal fitness trainer after falling ill with exhaustion in 1991.

In recent years, Garcia also developed a line of colorful neckties.

But the years of constant touring took its toll. "It was a meltdown. Too many cigarettes, too much junk food and too little exercise," said band spokesman Dennis McNally said.

Nagasaki remembers its atom bomb

NAGASAKI (AP) - The bomb detonated at about the height of the soaring bell tower - and only about 500 meters away. In a fraction of a second, what had been Asia's largest cathedral was gone.

The brunt of the plutonium bomb that fell on Nagasaki half a century ago yesterday was taken by the city's northern district of Urakami - and the cathedral that lay at the heart of it.

All told, the blast left about 70,000 people dead. Among them were about two-thirds of the church's 14,000 parishioners.

Two Japanese priests and 24 parishioners were inside the church when the bomb struck. They were killed instantly.

"I remember as a child thinking that surely their souls must have gone right to heaven," said Makoto Nagai, 61, a Nagasaki survivor.

Yesterday morning, marking the moment of the blast, parishioners bowed their heads in prayer at a solemn Mass. Elsewhere in the city, bells tolled and thousands gathered for solemn ceremonies in a park near the blast's epicenter.

At dusk yesterday, thousands of believers from around the Urakami valley walked to the cathedral in small candle-lit processions and gathered in front of the church to sing hymns.

The yellowish-orange candle-light flickered across the faces of young children as well as elderly atomic bomb survivors.

When the bomb fell, the hills overlooking Nagasaki Bay were home to Japan's densest concentration of Christians. At the foot of those hills were munitions factories that churned out bullets and torpedoes for Japan's war machine.

The cathedral's bricks and stone were scattered like leaves by the force of the explosion. Chances

and other sacred objects were melted and destroyed, and the crucifix adorning the front entrance was broken into dozens of pieces.

"The only thing that remained intact," said Father Diego Yuki, a Spanish priest who has lived most of his life in Nagasaki, "was the faith of the people."

Rebuilding began almost immediately. Carpenters came from neighboring towns and built a temporary wooden church on the site.

Miraculously, one of the cathedral's bells was undamaged. It was raised from the rubble on to an improvised platform. It rang again on Christmas Eve, 1945.

"Even now, it's incredible to think of how people worked together and helped each other," said Mauri Nakashima, 87, a parish priest during the years the cathedral was being rebuilt. "Everyone was so poor back then, but still managed to be generous with each other."

Reconstruction of the surrounding district was slow, but the rebuilding of the church inspired many to return. By 1950, there were 90 applications for every public housing unit available.

The atomic bomb was not the first calamity the people of Urakami had faced. Most were descendants of Japan's early Christians, who had maintained their faith through more than two centuries of harsh persecution.

After the war, the city approached church leaders about leaving the ruined cathedral as a memorial to the bomb's force. Parishioners said no - they wanted their church and their lives back.

"It would be like leaving the ruins of a home where you had raised children as a memorial to death," said Shigemitsu Murata, now 76. "It was not something we ever wanted to look at and be reminded of every day."

Ex-White House counsel: No misdeeds in official's suicide

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - A former White House counsel to President Bill Clinton adamantly declared yesterday that no one did anything wrong or concealed documents after his deputy counsel Vincent Foster killed himself.

Bernard Nussbaum, the star witness in four weeks of investigations by a special Senate Whitewater committee, defended his actions in restricting a police search of Foster's office after his death on July 20, 1993.

"There was nothing improper in the way White House officials handled documents in Vince Foster's office following his death," he said. "I did not, nor, to my knowledge, did anyone else in the White House, destroy, mishandle or misappropriate any document in Vincent Foster's office," he added.

The committee has been examining whether papers relating to President and Hillary Rodham Clinton's Whitewater land investment before they came to Washington were concealed from investigators so as not to embarrass the first family.

Nussbaum has been accused, even by some Democratic partisans, of giving the impression something was wrong even though he may have acted legally in protecting Foster's office.

But he stuck to his guns that he acted properly, saying "fear of appearing to do wrong prevents too many from doing what is right."

This is a prescription for weakness and paralysis. That is not the way I choose to live."

Foster, a boyhood pal of Clinton and a former law partner of Hillary Clinton, kept their papers relating to Whitewater as well as their personal tax files in his office.

But Nussbaum said Whitewater was not on anyone's minds after Foster's death. "Whitewater had absolutely nothing to do with how documents were handled in the White House following Vince Foster's death," he testified.

Former Deputy Attorney General Philip Heymann told investigators last week he had advised Nussbaum he was making "a terrible mistake" in not letting federal agents join in the search of Foster's office, Nussbaum confirmed he and Heymann disagreed over the terms of the search.

Separately, the House Banking Committee held a third day of hearings into the Clintons' investment in mountain land for vacation homes. Federal bank investigator Jean Lewis was recalled to answer questions about her allegations that Clinton administration officials hindered a banking probe of a failed savings institution linked to the Whitewater matter.

In his account of events after Foster's death, Nussbaum said he was protecting presidential papers when he refused to let police examine Foster's office or briefcase.

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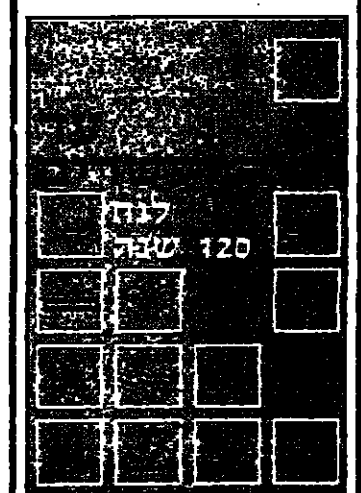
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Bereaved CIS immigrants put down roots together

A recently-held seminar brought together a group of Russian speakers who lost a family member in a terror attack or in the IDF, Batsheva Tsur reports



Menashe Sharon (from left), Svetlana Pesahov and Galina Ashurov meet with Public Council for Soviet Jewry head Ruth Bar-On.

At noon on Friday, August 6, two years ago, Svetlana Pesahov of Beit She'an baked a birthday cake, prepared a festive meal and was tidying up the kitchen.

"We were waiting for our [elder] son Lev," she says. "He called a week earlier from the army to say that he had exchanged his leave so that he would be with his brother Danny, to celebrate his birthday. They were very close."

"I was standing next to the window," she continues almost inaudibly. "Suddenly, I froze. I noticed a taxi from which soldiers emerged with someone from my work in Beit She'an. I just burst into tears. I ran from the kitchen to the front door, with Danny behind me. He didn't understand. When the bell rang and the officer said Lev was dead, I leaned against the wall. I was hysterical. I wept for hours."

There are 10 other fragmented families huddled in a circle with the Pesahovs in the room at the Green Beach Hotel in Netanya as Svetlana tells her story. It has drawn shades and a heavy iron door which shut the outside out. The family members - all new immigrants from the CIS who lost a loved one in a terrorist attack or in the IDF - have been brought there by the Public Council for Soviet Jewry in an attempt to form a Russian-speaking support group.

"After I was able to take myself into the living room, I asked them how [it happened]," she continues. "It was near Kalkilya. Our soldiers were checking Arab cars. One of the boys with Lova [Lev] found explosives. He held up the car to check the papers. The terrorists opened fire on him with a machine gun. They shot him twice. Lova was across the road. They shot through the windshield at him. He was hit in the head. He died immediately. The second boy died in the ambulance."

"This is not all," she pauses apologetically. "I am so afraid. I have agreed to sign my second son up for a combat unit. Danny was conscripted several months ago. He didn't tell the army his brother had been killed. When they found out, he had already joined the combat unit and wanted to stay on. The army said I had to sign [that I agreed to have him serve in such a unit]. So I signed, because that was what he wants. "We are lucky about one thing."

We celebrate Danny's birthday according to the Gregorian calendar. We mark the *Yahrzeit* for Lev according to the Hebrew calendar. So the dates do not [usually] coincide."

This last thought has an ironic twist. Pesahov's son was rebuffed after being laid to rest in the military cemetery in a corner, because she was not Jewish. Of that event, all she says is: "I couldn't go the second time [to the funeral]."

TWO EXPERTS in crisis management from Kiryat Shmona, Dr. Muli Lahad and Shula Niv, are conducting the two-day seminar which the immigrants are attending. Natasha Koretz-Goland, a former refusenik theater critic turned social worker, is also drawn shades and a heavy iron door which shut the outside out. The family members - all new immigrants from the CIS who lost a loved one in a terrorist attack or in the IDF - have been brought there by the Public Council for Soviet Jewry in an attempt to form a Russian-speaking support group.

The psychologists propose that the group members, who gathered for the first time the previous day, divide into two smaller sessions. But the group members refuse - they want to remain together, even though the contact will be less intimate.

The experts are surprised. On the previous day, to break the ice and express their feelings, everyone drew a picture of a tree. When put together, they saw a cohesive unit of their own. They are trying to plan how to memorialize their loved ones, and the participants have decided to plant a forest together, "to put

down roots in the soil instead of blood."

A council volunteer, Chief Superintendent Misha Shauli of the southern division of the police, translates. Council head Ruth Bar-On and other volunteers sit close to the victims' families, putting a warm arm on a shoulder when necessary, handing a tissue or a glass of fruit juice to someone who breaks down.

ILANA LIPKIN passionately describes how her artist husband Mordechai was murdered near Eilat in July 1993. She takes out photographs of his works. One shows a person with a knife in his heart. She would like to hold an exhibition in his memory, she says. "I am surprised to see how life goes on," she adds, showing pictures of her four young sons.

"Please listen," Anatoly Harkov appeals to the other group members, who are sitting riveted to their chairs. His wife, Olga, was murdered a week earlier than Lipkin, during a terrorist attack on a bus in Jerusalem's Neveveh Ya'acov neighborhood. He was left with a 13-year-old daughter. He would like the group to demand government recognition of the victims as martyrs, "like those who fell in the War of Independence."

As Marina Lashkov begins to unfold her tale of her husband's murder at Damascus Gate on Pesach eve last year, many of those present start to break down.

"He was shot from behind in

the head at 7 a.m., but half his brain continued to function until 5 p.m.," she recalls. "I continued to hope. Then he died. It was a very unreal feeling. I was left with his poetry. I shall publish it. In the last year, I have learned to grow, to be both mother and father."

"So many people suffer here, especially those who lose kids, so I have learned that my pain is less than theirs," says Ykaterina Podolsky, whose husband Anatoly Klasmikov was murdered in Ashdod in December 1993. She is attending the sessions with her daughter, Irina.

An attractive woman in an off-white sundress talks of her son. "I didn't want to come and live here, nor did my second husband," says Tatiana Malchin. "We came because of Dima [her late son, Dimitri]. He was the only Jewish boy in his school and wanted to serve in the IDF."

"Dima's father was a musician. He died when he was one year old. Dima inherited his love for music and poetry. I have recordings of him singing... In the army, he volunteered to drive an old military vehicle. The boys were tired and they fell off a 40-meter-high precipice. He died immediately."

"They came to tell me only the next day. It was the day I got my first job. I was walking home, so happy and then saw three soldiers... I shouted all the time: 'Dima, why didn't you call me?'"

"His fiancée was pregnant and I hoped for a grandchild. She lost the baby. Now she is married to his best friend. I hope to give Dima a brother or sister with my new boyfriend."

"Please come and visit me," she asks of the group members who are rubbing away their tears in silence. "Please come to his memorial service." To the council members, she adds: "Thank you for bringing me here."

No one wanted to leave that afternoon, until Rafael Pesahov said: "If we don't get back to Beit She'an in time, I won't be able to water the plants at the cemetery."

Aid for the unhappy family

All happy families are alike but every unhappy family is unhappy in its own way," says Ruth Bar-On, director of the Public Council for Soviet Jewry, quoting the opening lines of Tolstoy's *Anna Karenina*.

"Imagine finding yourself as an immigrant to a new country facing an emergency situation," she says. "You don't know the language and you may not even have family or friends to rely on. You are frightened and apprehensive. Without immediate intervention, the impact can be devastating."

In 1993, the council established the Crisis Management Center which operates 24 hours a day and has a nationwide support network of some 300 volunteers. Its steering committee consists of physicians, psychologists, social workers, lawyers and police officials who decide which unhappy family is entitled to assistance. B.T.



Gershon Bram offers a snug-fitting little white tank dress (left) while Genny provides an exquisitely tailored classic white suit appropriate for the country's day of romance.



White dresses that are just right for Tu Be'av

TU Be'av, the 15th day of the Hebrew month of Av, is the Jewish equivalent of St. Valentine's Day. According to the Talmud, Tu Be'av and Yom Kippur were the most festive days for Jews. During the Second Temple period, the unmarried young women of Jerusalem went dancing in the vineyards and called on the eligible young men to choose brides from among them.

The custom was for all the young women to wear simple white dresses, so that there would be no obvious distinction between the rich and the poor. Better still, the daughters of more affluent families would lend dresses to those maidens whose families were too impoverished to provide them with an appropriate gown in which to go courting.

Although the traditions associated with Tu Be'av have passed into historical legend, the day, which begins tonight, continues to symbolize love - though not necessarily in the most romantic sense. Advertisements for vari-

ous Tu Be'av events carry a less than subtle hint of carnal desire interspersed with frenetic fun.

Regardless of how the evening ends, many would-be brides still like to maintain the tradition of wearing white, and nearly all local and imported collections have a good choice of virginal vestments.

WITH CHANGING lifestyles, bridal gowns are seldom put away in mothballs to be handed on to the next generation. Styled for post-nuptial use, they offer value for money in that the relatively large outlay can be justified by repeated wear. For example, a Queen Anne dress designed by Pierre Cardin can be hired from Mori Lee bridal wear for NIS 3,500. Anyone putting out that kind of money should surely be able to wear a dress more than once.

The hire of wedding gowns

from local designer Danny Mizrahi starts at NIS 3,800.

Gowns can be purchased from most bridal salons for slightly more than it costs to hire them. And if one is already spending thousands of shekels, a couple of hundred more won't make much of a difference.

Gershon Bram's snug-fitting little white tank dress is a multipurpose outfit which can be spruced up or toned down to suit any occasion. The end-of-season price is only NIS 190. For even better bargains, Bram has a surplus and seconds store - Gershon Bram Bis at 282 Dizengoff Street - where prices are lower than at his other outlets.

Shoppers at Tel Aviv's up-market Gan Ha'ir will find exquisitely tailored classic white suits at Vendom's end-of-season sale at prices running from NIS 1,400 to NIS 2,600, including those under the Genny label.

Even if you've left it too late to do your Tu Be'av shopping, a little white dress, like a little black dress, will always come in handy.

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End game for Bosnia

DEVELOPMENTS in former Yugoslavia this week have proved more conclusively than a thousand analyses that all the agonizing of the UN, NATO and the major powers over their role in the conflict has been pointless. Their role is virtually non-existent. It is the combatants who decide what happens next.

In fact, the world body has been quickly diverted from its recent babbling about an enhanced role, air strikes, and rapid reaction forces, to attend to the only task it has done with any modicum of honor - the humanitarian one. The unending mess in Croatia, Bosnia, and Serbia has once again confounded the simple-minded opinion that taking a whack at the marauding Serb armies with NATO warplanes would truncate the conflict and bring everyone to the conference table. This week it is Serbs, not Moslems, who look like victims as they are caught in the biggest refugee crisis since the war first began in 1991.

There was no sign of any NATO warplane enforcing the so-called "no-fly zone" when the Croat air force strafed the fleeing refugee column snaking across Bosnia after the fall of Serbian-Croat Krajina. Nor was the much-hyped rapid reaction force - assembled only to protect peacekeepers - anywhere to be seen when the Croats marched Danish UN captives in front of their advancing tanks as human shields.

The disarray on the international diplomatic front is no less palpable than that on the ground. Croatia's long-threatened blitz on Krajina province should have surprised no one, but instead has confused everyone involved. Russia and the US are now pulling in opposite directions with rival peace bids. The Europeans, ineffectually stuck in the middle as usual, are indulging in an orgy of unsubstantiated optimism that "the situation" opens new opportunities for a settlement.

The members of the so-called Contact Group - Russia, the US, Germany, France, and Britain - seem barely capable of connecting one another, let alone the diplomatically deaf architects of war in the Balkans.

Moscow, increasingly alarmed that it might have to put some muscle where its mouth is in supporting the Serbs, has been getting a *deja vu* feeling - reminding it of the old Soviet habit of backing losers that it had misidentified as winners. The emergence of the Croatian army as a revamped, rearm, and efficient fighting force probably caused as much alarm in Moscow as in Belgrade. Where were the triumphant Serb bat-

talions when the Krajina Serbs needed them?

The Russians made a great noise about inviting the leaders of Croatia and Serbia to Moscow for talks in the wake of Krajina, only to look just a little silly when Croat leader Franjo Tudjman apparently dismissed the initiative. It was in any case a no-win situation for Moscow. Had Tudjman and Slobodan Milosevic gone to Russia, the West - already alarmed that the Bosnian Moslems had not been invited - would have been convinced of a Serb-Croat carve-up of Bosnia. The resulting diplomatic row between Russia and the West could only have plunged the world back into a mini Cold War.

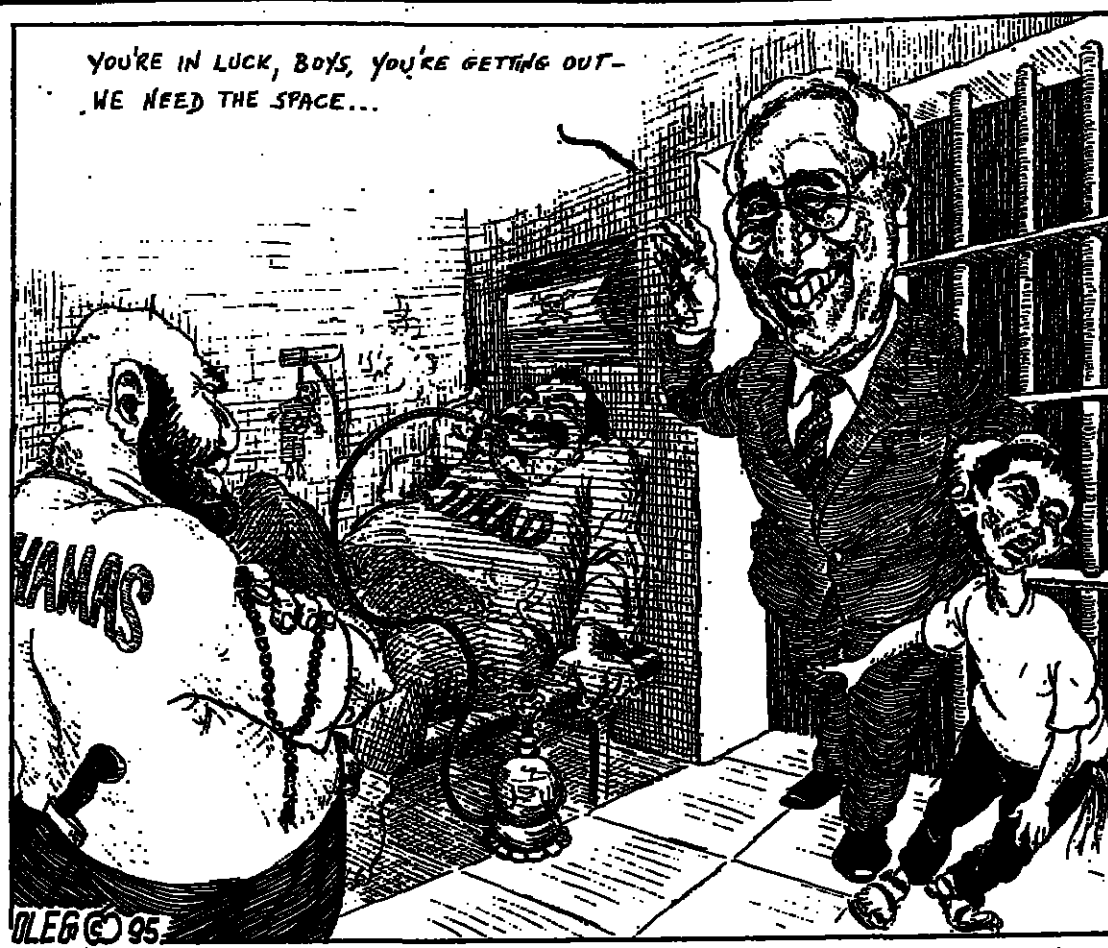
Washington, diplomatically ignoring the Russian move entirely, has called the Western segment of the Bosnia circus to London, Paris, and Bonn later this week for talks. What they will achieve without either the Balkan leaders or the Russians present is an easy call.

Suspicion of an underhand deal between Belgrade and Zagreb has already spread beyond the confines of conspiracy theorists, fueled by the suitably conspiratorial story of a map Tudjman left drawn on the back of a menu in London illustrating his idea of a neatly bisected Bosnia. The inexplicable failure of either Serbia itself or the Bosnian Serb army to come to the aid of Krajina could apparently only be explained by some "understanding" between Tudjman and Milosevic.

Bosnian Moslem rejoicing over the defeat of the Krajina Serbs, and the coincidental relief of the Bihac enclave they harassed, was muted indeed, as were the lukewarm handshakes when Moslem officers met their Croatian counterparts on the new front line. To Bosnian ears the Croatian assault surely sounded more like the last trumpet than the arrival of the cavalry.

There is no disguising the fact that the future of Bosnia looks bleak indeed. Nor is there any disguising the irony that if any remnant of its independence is to be saved, that card is in Milosevic's hand in Belgrade. With the huge column of Krajina Serb refugees heading for Serbia, Milosevic's need to have UN sanctions lifted may become imperative, especially given the dissatisfaction among the general population at the way he abandoned the Krajinites to their fate. The argument goes that, if Milosevic trades an end to sanctions for recognition of Bosnia's independence, what's left of that miserable country might yet be saved.

Unfortunately, it is more realistic to believe that things do not work out that simply in the Balkans. This war of endless permutations may be with us for a long, long time.



Two types of terror

URI DAN
DENNIS EISENBERG

AFTER 36 hours of Moslem-sponsored mayhem in Paris, Algeria and Ramat Gan, which left 18 dead and 117 injured, Western statesmen expressed their perplexity.

French Interior Minister Jean-Louis Debré said: "We are looking in all directions." He then hinted darkly that Serb terrorists might be seeking revenge against French air strikes in Bosnia.

No comment was more inane than that of Economics and Planning Minister Yossi Beilin. He explained these attacks - as well as the poison gas outrages in Japan, and the assassination attempt against Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak as part of an international malady, something in the nature of a new strain of flu which does not recognize frontiers. It was a wonderful way to avoid the conclusion that acts of terror against Israel have something to do with the government's peace process with the PLO.

For once, however, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, in an increasingly rare logical thought, pointed at Tehran as the fountainhead of international terror.

(More characteristic of this government was its submission to Moslem demands to forbid Jews to pray on the Temple Mount on Tisha Be'av. This surely sent the Iranian mullahs the message that Rabin's government is fearful of upsetting Tehran and its Hamas operatives.)

This week the French are guardedly admitting that Islamic fundamentalists are responsible for the metro bombing. The man who planted the gas canister filled with explosives in an underground train at St. Michel is clearly linked to Algeria's GIA (Armed Islamic Group), which, within hours of the Paris bombing, blew up a booby-trapped car in the small town of Mefiah outside Algiers, murdering several passersby.

What Beilin and Rabin either lacked the capacity to grasp, or

perhaps dared not admit out loud for fear of demolishing their entire rationale of trusting a dyed-in-the-wool terrorist like Yasser Arafat, is that there is a world of difference between Ramat Gan and elsewhere.

The strategy of what is happening in Algeria and Egypt, where fundamentalists are aiming to seize power, was laid down by the Islamic Conference organization on the fifth floor of the Palace of Friendship in Khartoum last spring. Directed by Ali Fallahian, the Iranian government

ism in Israel is something else entirely. The attack in Paris was partially in revenge for the French killing of four Algerian terrorists who had hijacked an Air France airliner last December. It was also a warning against continued French support for Algeria's military regime, against whom the terrorists are fighting. In particular they want France to stop supplying Algeria's rulers with the military helicopters that are causing devastation among the terror gangs there.

The terror attacks are not aimed at uprooting the French government, just as the World Trade Center bombing was not meant to topple the White House. In the short term, the mullahs of Iran are trying to cow Western leaders into adopting more friendly relations with Iran and the fanatical rulers of Sudan. They are warning the West not to interfere once they have toppled Mubarak in Egypt and seized control in Algeria.

The purpose of Hamas attacks in Israel are quite different. Arab leaders, including Yasser Arafat, have made it clear that the Jews are to be thrown into the Mediterranean.

As decreed by Ayatollah Khomeini, Islam must once more rule supreme, as it did in the 7th and 8th centuries, in a broad crescent stretching from the Arabian desert along the entire North African coast. From there Islam will eventually threaten the heart of Europe.

This long-term concept does not concern European politicians who are agonizing, on a daily basis, over Bosnia. Understandably, they are appalled by the cruelty of the Serbs trying to "cleanse" Bosnia of its Moslems.

Yet they are caught on the horns of a dilemma. Both the CIA and their own intelligence services have warned them that Afghanistani fighters and other Moslem volunteers are being directed toward Bosnia to help their coreligionists. Contrary to UN sanctions, arms are reaching Bosnia from Moslem countries like Turkey, Saudi Arabia and Pakistan. According to Bosnian Moslem spiritual leader Mustafa Ceric, "The Palestinians and Bosnians have the same struggle."

And Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati says: "We have pledged to supply military assistance to Bosnia." The Saudi newspaper *Al Bayan* has called for a jihad against the Serbs. The 51 Moslem nation members of the Islamic Conference are currently discussing ways to lend defense assistance to Bosnia. Bosnian Foreign Minister Mohammed Sacirbey affirms that he has been promised weapons.

This open threat of escalating the civil war in former Yugoslavia sufficiently alarmed the CIA to bring about the arrest of Hamas leader Mousa Abu Marzook, and the US determination to deport him. According to intelligence sources, it was the CIA's warning of the serious consequences of openly sending arms to Bosnia which prompted President Bill Clinton to change his mind and oppose Congress's call to lift the UN arms embargo.

Like other statesmen, Clinton is becoming aware of how a major religious war in this sensitive area of Europe will open a Pandora's box of unimaginable horror.

The writers are authors of *The Mossad: Secrets of the Israeli Secret Service and other books on the Middle East*.

Without remorse

YOEL MARCUS

THIS week embraced the anniversaries of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and witnessed the blooming and arousal of the beautiful people everywhere. Germany and Japan, the two countries which simultaneously underwent racial delusions of grandeur, caused the deaths of between 40 and 50 million people in their attempt to conquer the world. This is a figure the mind simply refuses to absorb and assimilate.

But moral and conscience-ridden people annually observe Hiroshima, where 140,000 human beings were killed. They want the Free World which fought the mad tyrants to be immersed in feelings of guilt, remorse and shame.

The further we get from World War Two, the more the coming generations will gradually be instilled with the lie that if there was a crime against humanity then it was perpetrated at Hiroshima.

The British weekly, the *Economist*, published in the same London that was bombed nightly for five years, describes what the Allies did to Hiroshima and Nagasaki as a kind of holocaust: 140,000 as against 50 million - a holocaust?

But why go so far as London? On the front page of the daily *Davar* this week, Zvi Goren compared Hiroshima to the Holocaust in which one-third of the Jewish people were annihilated. And Professor Ben-Ami Shiloni shed tears for the Japanese and blamed America for a war crime. How can one read his remarks without exploding?

The Free World has no cause to reproach itself over using the bomb

THE Atom bomb dropped on Hiroshima was a shocking deed by any yardstick, but it cannot be detached from the context of five years of war during which tens of millions of people found their deaths.

The Free World defended its liberty at a very high cost and has no cause to beat its breast or reproach itself over the bomb being used 50 years ago.

In retrospect, it not only shortened the war and saved the lives of hundreds of thousands of soldiers, but served as a just settling of accounts with a country which excelled in cruelty, tortured prisoners and mercilessly slaughtered people wherever its army reached. The world war was not fought between armies of mercenaries, but between peoples: and Germany and Japan turned civilian populations into targets for destruction unprecedented in history.

From the viewpoint of the dead, it made no difference whether they were killed by conventional weapons from the air, dropped day after day, or died slowly and systematically in death camps, or lost their lives in one stroke to a single bomb.

The two atom bombs did more - much more - than bring about Japan's quick surrender; they ensured there would never again be a world war.

Were it not for the threat of nuclear arms, the outbreak of World War Three would have been inevitable. There's no foundation for the claim that it wasn't necessary to drop the Bomb to demonstrate its terrible fearsome quality: what is palpably seen is not the same as theory.

An incidental aspect: nuclear fear is what has also ensured Israel's existence in a hostile Arab world subject to Soviet influence; from this point of view, David Ben-Gurion and Shimon Peres were far-sighted in grasping that with Egypt rearming with the best and most modern Soviet weapons (in 1955) Israel had to create for herself her own independent balance of terror. That is what delineated the red lines which the Arabs knew must not be crossed, and which ultimately brought them to dialogue with Israel.

And so we see that while mad rulers dragged the world into a bloody war and caused tens of millions of victims with conventional weapons, nuclear arms at Hiroshima 50 years ago established worldwide coexistence. Looking back, we can say it was a good thing that The Bomb generated a world order in which a limit and a price were set for any madness.

The writer comments on current affairs.
(By courtesy of Ha'aretz).

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

IN-VITRO FERTILIZATION

Sir, - Regarding Judy Siegel's story (August 1) about Shaare Zedek Hospital's refusal to provide *in-vitro* fertilization to a mixed couple not married according to halacha, I would like to make these comments: Our Hadassah-University Hospitals have an IVF unit that functions according to the 1992 IVF law, whereby any married or single woman is entitled to treatment. This may not be refused on the basis of religion, race or economic situation, and it certainly is not the job of the doctor to ask patients what their religion is. According to the National Health Insurance law, every childless woman residing in Israel is entitled to IVF treatment. Because it deals with genetic material, there are different rules regarding married women, common-law wives and single women.

For married couples, their marital status is determined by looking at their identity cards. Patients may not be asked if they were married in a religious or civil ceremony. As for common-law spouses, the rule is the

same if the couple have a document accepted by the legal authorities stating that they are living together. A single woman whose own ova are used can get anonymous donor sperm. The woman's religion hasn't been and isn't a matter for investigation by doctors; this is barred both by civil rights and the doctor's oath. I can't believe that public hospitals in Jerusalem like Shaare Zedek and Bikur Holim, which must function according to the law, could let religious considerations decide entitlement for medical treatment. Hospitals must take into account the religious beliefs of the patient and carry them out. This is done at Hadassah's hospitals, but in no way have patients ever been discriminated against because of their religious or other background. For 13 years, our IVF unit has treated scores of Moslem, Christian and other couples.

Prof. SHMUEL PENCHAS,
Director-General,
Hadassah Medical Organization
Jerusalem.

IRRESPONSIBLE TROUBLEMAKERS

Sir, - I felt choked with emotion. I didn't want to look but saw it anyway: How our young soldiers were forced to bodily drag away those trespassers squatting on a bare hilltop, who might well have been their own relatives! These youngsters were placed between the frying pan and the fire and it isn't fair to them. But who is to blame?

Our government, whom I helped vote into office, should have left those so-called religious, nationalistic demonstrators be. Their exhausted, sunburnt, dehydrated, hungry, crying children, probably traumatized beyond repair, would have opened their parents' eyes sooner or later to the evil they were perpetrating. They would have gone home eventually. If not, the kids would have been better off had only they been evacuated; taken to a stable foster-parents' environment; away from those unfit parents.

Surely every one of those irresponsible political troublemakers has a well-appointed home to return to? They "conquer" those hilltops only so foreign TV teams can photograph their eviction and show it to

the world; in the process endangering their own kin, and creating a situation Arab civil-wishers can enjoy wholeheartedly. I foresee a revolution erupting in the near future. It's exactly what our real enemies are hoping for. Is that what our rightist fellow-Jews want? If not, what is their aim? I for one am still anxiously waiting to have that explained to me! A binational state? Mass deportation of Arabs? Keeping them on as our underprivileged vassals? Perpetual warfare and threats to the lives of our 18 year olds?

Will somebody please elaborate?
CLAIRE LEFFSMA
Yokneam Illit.

WELCOME BACK

Sir, - I feel compelled to tell you that the level of journalism on the editorial page has risen considerably with the return of Jonathan Blass. Respect for his intellectual presentation is unanimous even among those who do not always agree with his opinions.

CHAYA LAZAR
Jerusalem.

WASTE OF LIVES

Sir, - The ineptitude of the government in dealing with the escalation of carnage on our roads is demonstrated by the constant "passing of the buck" from one authority to the other.

There are three immediate ways in which to curtail the loss of lives: 1. Reduce the legal speeds for heavy vehicles and trucks to 80 kph on the inter-urban highways.

2. Install efficient on- and off-line roadside monitoring equipment on all problematic roads.

3. Put the "Four Towns" plan into operation in the Sharon Area (community-based monitoring and information program) without further delay.

There is no question that a multifaceted plan has to be devised with the cooperation of all authorities. However, if it takes as long to put into effect as the Four Towns project which Metuna, Friends of the Center for Driver Research and Injury Prevention, has witnessed at first hand for nearly two years, then we can look forward to a devastating continuance of waste of precious lives.

ZELDA HARRIS
Spokesperson METUNA
Netanya.

TOMMY LAPID

Sir - It will surprise no *Popolitika* viewer to learn that journalist and former IBA head Tommy Lapid is against sharing sovereignty in Jerusalem, so there's nothing to add to the punchline of his "Peaceniks' castle in the air" (July 21) that "Jerusalem is ours...and always will be."

But, Mr. Lapid also states that "a certain amount of self-rule that doesn't harm the overall functioning of the city would reduce the Arab minority's feelings of frustration. And if we don't want to see an ignominious breaking out in the heart of Jerusalem, we have to offer them something....And much as we love Jerusalem, we cannot ignore the fact that Moslems, Arabs and Palestinians also have religious, historical and demographic rights in the city." Uri Avnery couldn't have expressed it better.

ZEEV RAPHAEL
Haifa.

PICTURE POSTSCRIPT



Is, or is this not the Bard: that is the question. A Mainz professor recently backed a longstanding claim by the German owners of this death mask that it is Shakespeare's genuine image. (AP)

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Don't let hosting for hubby get out of hand

DEAR RUTHIE
RUTHIE BLUM



Dear Ruthie,
My husband's job requires him (us) to entertain on a regular basis. I am used to being given short notice about expected guests for whom meals have to be prepared (by me), and for whom I have to be gracious and charming. I am used to putting on my best phony smile, since usually I'd rather be reading a good book.
But now things have gone too far. This summer my husband went beyond the call of duty, when he invited a group of three people from abroad to stay at our house for an entire week. Neither my "entertainment budget" nor my nervous system was equipped for this.
My husband thought I was overreacting. This worries me, since I don't see how I can prevent it in the future. Much of the summer is still ahead, and the calls from abroad are numerous.

Dis-guest-ed
Somewhere in Israel

Dear Dis-guest-ed,
Apparently, the terms of your (unwritten) contract with your husband need to be renegotiated. If you have been playing this role in his career with a smile - bogus or no - you have been upholding your end. By introducing new twists without your explicit approval, your husband is altering the status quo. In my book, that's tantamount to a breach.

The way to prevent similar invitations extended without your consent is to convey to your husband how put upon you feel. His accusing you of "overreacting" indicates he does not grasp the extent to which you are bothered.

If he still neglects to comply with your wishes, you may have to leave him holding the dish towel.

el the next time. Sometimes an apron is worth a thousand words.

Dear Ruthie,

My younger brother (who just graduated from high school in the States) has become "difficult," and without consulting me, my mother decided he should spend a few months in Israel - with me.

I have three young children very close together in age, two of whom are in diapers. I am completely bogged down with my own kids, and I don't know how in the world I can take care of my brother as well. But I see no way of refusing either. What can I do? My husband agrees that we can't say no.

Swamped Sister
Jerusalem

Dear Swamped,

If you're not going to refuse your mother and brother, you might as well try to use the situation to your advantage. Both you and your brother could benefit immensely.

At his age, your brother does not require the kind of tending to that your own kids need. On the contrary. He could be a great source of assistance to you, and give you moral support, if you play your cards right.

For his part, being away from his (your) mother for a while may be just the remedy he needs for whatever is bothering him. If not, think of how relieved you'll feel a few months hence, when you're back to being bogged down with "only" your own three tots.

Letters should be addressed to: "Dear Ruthie," POB 81, 91000 Jerusalem. (Ruthie regrets not being able to guarantee publication of every letter, but will answer every letter received.)

A US university lecturer is calling for a vegetarian-conscious Israel, writes Allison Kaplan Sommer

WHAT a man has stitched on his kippa usually reflects his deepest commitments, whether it's the skyline of Jerusalem or a phrase from a prayer.

Dr. Richard Schwartz's kippa has one word stitched onto it - "Veggie."

The theme is echoed in his T-shirt - which has little carrots, lettuce and eggplants scattered all over it.

All these signs point to one fact - Schwartz is a man with a mission.

While he might not believe that eating meat is the root of all evil, he insists it is responsible for a considerable amount of it.

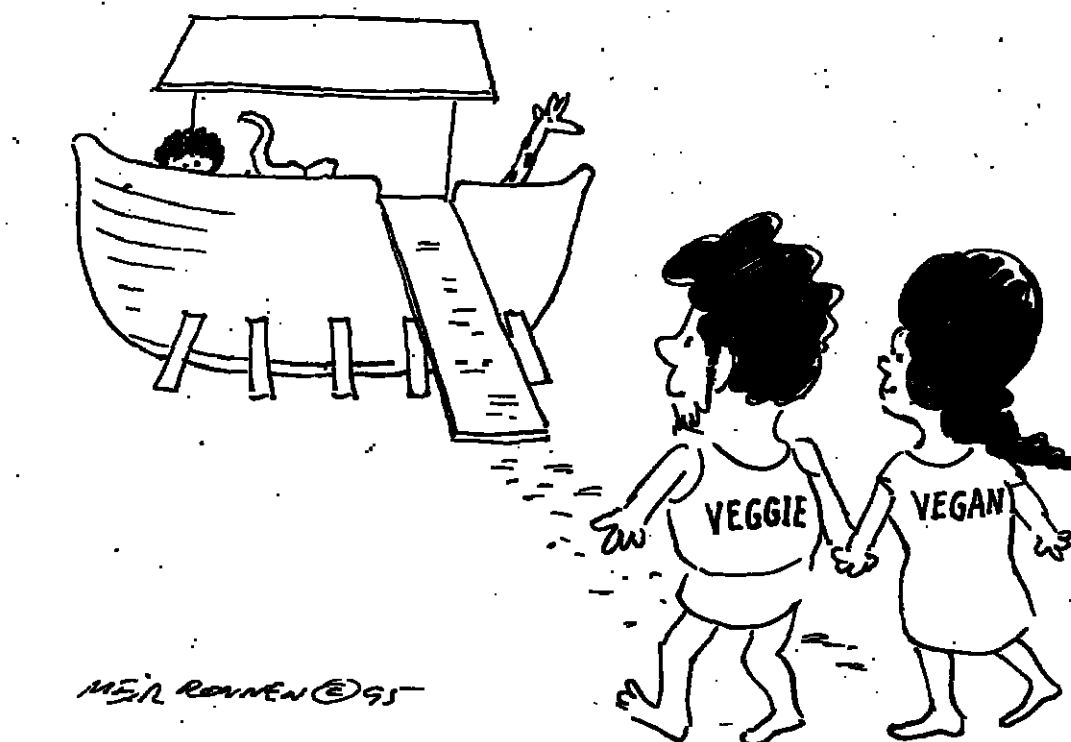
And he also says it is an un-Jewish thing to do. That is what the lecturer at New York's College of Staten Island and author of *Judaism and Vegetarianism* told the 20 people gathered to listen to him in Tel Aviv, one of a number of groups he spoke to during his visit here last week.

"I'm calling for a campaign for a vegetarian-conscious Israel in the year 2000," he told the group. "Originally, I wanted the goal to be to make Israel vegetarian by then. But later I decided that I'll settle for making them aware of the choices, and aware of the disadvantages of meat-based diets."

"I want to try to start a national dialogue in Israel. I hope everybody here will take the issue to their local rabbi and politicians and ask them: are meat-based diets consistent with Jewish values?"

He knows he is engaged in a tough fight. After all, Judaism without chopped liver or matzoh ball soup or roast chicken on Friday night?

The idea seems almost, well,



sacriligious. And that is leaving aside the issue of animal sacrifices in the Bible and the nagging question that, "if Jews were supposed to be vegetarians, why bother with all the rules of kashrut?"

But Schwartz argues that the spirit of Judaism endorses compassion to animals, good health and respect for the environment - the natural extension of which, he says, is a meatless diet.

"It was God's intent that people be vegetarians," he said firmly. He ticked off the biblical evidence.

For instance, he maintained that the long lives recorded in the first chapters of the Bible are "consistent with the medical findings of the benefits of a vegetarian diet."

Noah's rescue of the animals from the flood reflected humanitarian and ecological concerns, and was not designed so the ani-

mals could be lunch for the crew on the ark.

He cited a connection between a number of plagues in the Bible and the unhealthiness of meat-eating.

He also pointed to examples of biblical heroes being considerate to animals.

"Our greatest teacher, Moshe Rabeinu, was chosen because he showed compassion for a lamb," he noted. "And remember, one of the tests for choosing a spouse involved kindness for animals."

"Rebecca, at the well, said, 'Drink, and I will water your camels as well.'"

He also finds it significant that animals must also rest on Shabbat.

And what about those animal sacrifices?

"Many Jewish scholars believe the sacrifices were a reluctant concession, because people were turning to cannibalism, and hu-

man sacrifices," he said. "Sacrificing animals was accepted in order to make a distinction between people and animals."

He added that religious leaders would have preferred not to condone animal sacrifices, "but there was a feeling people were not completely ready for it."

The sacrifices were eventually centralized in one location "so people would be weaned away from it," he said.

He bases some of his arguments on the work of Israel's first Ashkenazi chief rabbi, Avraham Kook, who wrote that in the messianic period everyone would be vegetarian, and sacrifices would not involve animals.

Kook was one of a group of prominent Jews who were vegetarians during much of their lives, as Schwartz points out in his book.

Others he cites include authors S.Y. Agnon and I.L. Peretz.

Franz Kafka and Isaac Bashevis Singer, pioneer A.D. Gordon, and another former Ashkenazi chief rabbi, Shlomo Goren.

His book also includes information on the International Vegetarian Society and a chapter with recipes for dishes like beet-burgers, tofu pie and vegetarian nut loaf.

He said "powerful mandates fundamental in Judaism" should drive us to give up our steaks, hamburgers and schnitzel.

The first imperative is to guard one's health. Eating meat is "more dangerous than smoking" in terms of diseases, he said. Next is compassion for animals - which is violated not only by the very fact of eating them, but by the way animals raised for consumption are treated.

Preserving the earth is another mandate. Schwartz blames meat-eating for aggravating pollution, global warming and the destruction of the rain forests.

"Fifty-five square feet of rain forest equals a quarter pound of meat!" he exclaimed. "One person on a strict vegetarian diet will save 1,000 acres of trees."

But the non-vegetarian members of the audience were not swayed by his arguments.

"No, I'm not convinced," said Sheila Krivine of Caesarea. "I relate to what he is saying about the waste: it is diabolical. But I don't agree with his theories about Judaism endorsing vegetarianism. His reasoning doesn't make a lot of sense."

Those who were vegetarians said they were doing it for more for personal reasons than the wider concerns Schwartz cited.

Ziva Eliezer, head of the SPCA in the Sharon area, was a vegetarian as a child after she saw a chicken being killed.

Like many young vegetarians, she later grew out of it. But then, 10 years ago, she suddenly went back to it.

"The trigger was when I heard a woman complaining about the Vietnamese, claiming that Vietnamese waiters at a restaurant were killing dogs, and she was horrified," Eliezer said.

"But [that woman] still eats meat. I started thinking about it, and wondered how eating cows and sheep was better. So I went back to my childhood vegetarianism."

Last seen in a cab - or was it Africa?

YOU can come back now, Judge Crater. Every-

body's dead. Sixty-five years ago, on August 6, New York State Judge Joseph Force Crater caught a cab in midtown Manhattan and completely vanished.

His disappearance captured the imagination of America, mired in the Great Depression, and has never entirely let go.

Groucho Marx joked he was going to "step out and look for Judge Crater," while nightclub comedians quipped: "Judge Crater, please call your office."

Mad magazine ran a cartoon showing Lasse having finally found the missing judge, while on *The Dick Van Dyke Show* a judge reassured, an anxious Rob and Laura Petrie that, no, he wasn't "that" Crater - his name was spelled K-r-a-t-e-r.

Pulling a Crater, i.e. disappearing, became part of the lexicon.

Tokes aside, experts in the case have determined that the 41-year-old Crater spent the morning of August 6, 1930, hastily packing up papers in his office and cashing large personal checks at two separate banks.

Named to the bench by then New York governor Franklin Roosevelt, Crater had been a judge for just four months.

That evening, Crater ate dinner at a steakhouse on West 45th Street with friends, one of them a showgirl. He was last seen getting in a cab at 9:15, headed to the theater.

Was he silenced by the mob? Did he flee for his life? Did he leave his wife for another woman? Everyone had a theory.

"Every kid grew up wondering, 'Where did Judge Crater go?'" said Lincoln Diamant, author of books on New York history.

The Crater craze took hold less than a year after the stock market's devastating crash, he noted.

"People were trying to steady themselves and get a grip on things and then somebody totally disappeared before their eyes," he said.

Over the years, Crater was spotted, like Elvis, in the most unlikely places - running bingo games in Africa, prospecting for gold in California and herding sheep in the Northwest.

Most people suspected the mob had hired a hit man to silence Crater for what he allegedly knew about political corruption in New York. The historian for the city Police Department, John Podrasky, said that became the semi-official consensus. Others thought the judge dis-

appeared in fear. One theory had him fleeing from being forced to testify in a corruption probe.

Still others imagine his motives lay elsewhere. There's a theory he was killed for dallying with a gangster's girlfriend, and another that "Good Time Joe," as he was known, took off with one of his several mistresses.

"Probably a lot of people envied Judge Crater and wished they could pull up roots and start over," Diamant said.

Police closed the Crater case in 1979, but others have never given up. Alice Amelar, 63, is a New Yorker who has been researching Crater for 15 years at the behest of her late father, a protégé of the judge.

Her book, should she ever finish it, will be called *Crater Knew Too Much*. She said Crater was killed by those who wanted Roosevelt in the White House and feared revelations about Crater's judgeship would expose damaging corruption.

The chances of ever solving the Crater mystery grow slimmer every year. His wife and his favorite mistress are dead, Amelar reports, as are Roosevelt and Crater's other political cronies.

As for Crater, he would be 106 - a tough age for someone 65 years on the run.

But New Yorkers still wonder. They ask after Crater at the New York Historical Society, the reference librarian said.

"We don't have an update," she said. "It's the same old mystery."

When your screen doesn't pass the bug test

FIX IT YOURSELF

TAL KATZ

WINDOW screens are your front line of defense against bugs. But if there's a break in your defense, those tiny enemies will infiltrate, even infest, your home. The tiniest hole in a window screen can mean dive-bombing mosquitoes during the night.

In response to a reader's query, here is how to replace such screens.

The two basic types of frames for screens are wood and aluminum. The two basic types of screens are aluminum and fiberglass.

Either type of screen can be used with either type of frame. Though aluminum screening is sturdier than fiberglass, it is harder to maneuver, and can get bent out of shape. It is also a bit more expensive. Fiberglass screening has a cloth-like texture, so it is flexible, but less durable.

Materials required: straight-slot screwdriver (maxvreg); utility knife (sak'n yapani); screening (reshet aluminum, about NIS 9 per meter from 120-centimeter-wide roll, or reshet fiberglass, which is slightly cheaper). The screening is sold in a variety of widths.

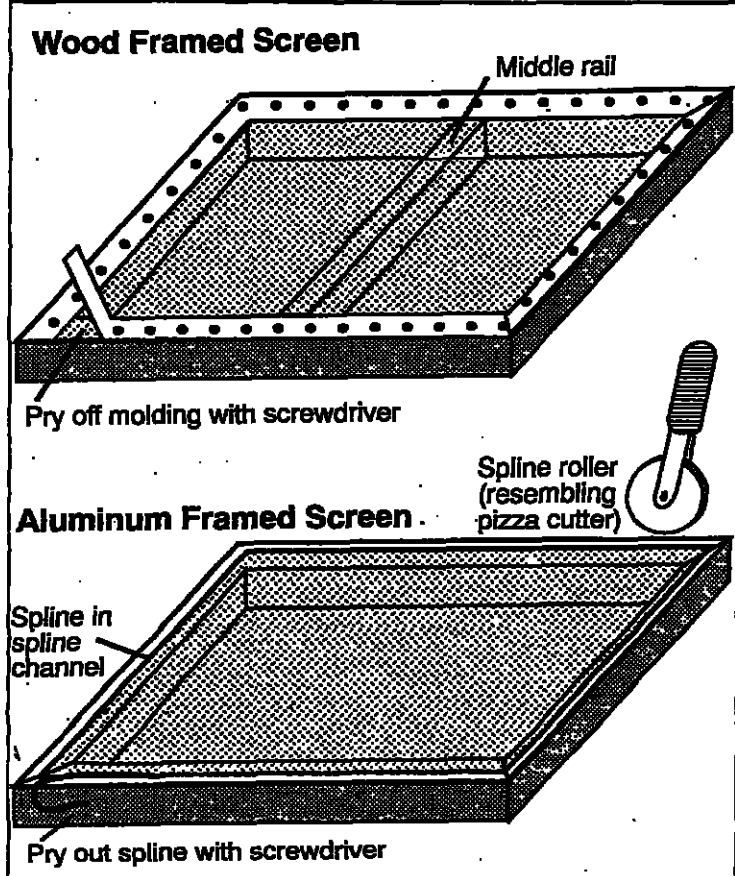
The size screen you buy should be a good 5 cm. larger than the frame on all sides for replacing in a wood frame and should not exceed the outer dimensions of a metal frame.

For replacing the screen in a wood frame, you will also need: staple gun (ekdash sikot); hammer (patish) and nails (masmerim), the size and number of which should equal those removed from the wood molding.

For replacing the screen in an aluminum frame, you will need: new vinyl spline (gumi frishut aluminum), costing about NIS 1 per meter at specialty hardware stores or aluminum outlets; putty knife (shpachet); spline roller (galgelet frisher), costing about NIS 15, or a small block of wood and a hammer.

TO REPLACE screen in a wood frame - Remove the screen unit from the window. Lay it flat on a table or workbench, molding side up. Pry off the molding all the way around the frame with a screwdriver. Begin from the corners, and work toward the middle. If the molding is attached with screws, unscrew and put aside screws for reuse. Nails will most likely need to be removed and discarded.

Remove the old screen. Place the new screen over the frame, leaving 5 cm. excess all the way around the frame. Staple the screen to the frame in several places, along a line which the molding will cover when replaced. Begin from the middle and work toward the corners. If there is another piece of wood



across the middle of the frame, staple the screen to this last. Pull tightly before inserting each staple to make sure the screen is taut.

Nail the molding back on. Avoid inserting new nails into old nail holes. After all the molding is secure, remove the excess screen with a utility knife. Do this

carefully to avoid damaging the frame.

TO REPLACE screen in an aluminum frame - Remove the screen from the window. Lay it flat on a table or workbench, with the side facing outdoors up. Remove the spline from its track - all

around the inside of the frame. The spline is a thin strip of vinyl or metal which holds the screen in place inside the channel. When it is metal, it can be reused. When vinyl, it may need to be replaced, as wear can cause vinyl to harden and crack.

Pry the spline out of the channel with a screwdriver. Place the new screen over the frame. Use a block of wood as a weight, to hold the screen in place near the section you are working on. Beginning from one end and working around the rest of the frame, insert the edge of the new screen into the channel. Use a putty knife to stuff the screening into the channel.

Replace the spline. Use a spline roller (a tool resembling a pizza cutter) to replace the spline in the channel. In its absence, use a hammer and small block of wood to force the spline into the channel. As before, work gradually around the frame. Any excess screening can be carefully removed with a utility knife.

A READER asked how to remove dust from hard-to-reach places inside air conditioners. Try using a high-wattage blower-dryer, preferably with a nozzle attachment for directing the air flow at a small area. Remove the front cover of the air conditioner and go over the whole thing with the hair drier.

If you have a question or can suggest simple solutions to annoying problems, write to: Fix It Yourself, POB 81, 91000 Jerusalem.

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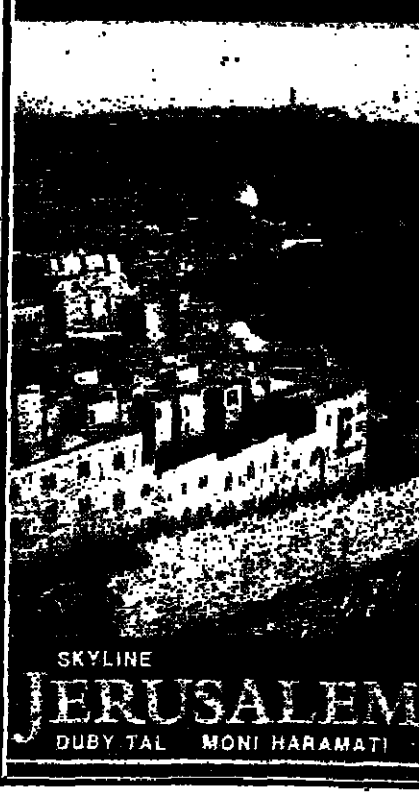
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BUSINESS & FINANCE

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Scitex suffers 87.6% drop in net profits during second quarter

SCITEX yesterday announced an 87.6 percent drop in second quarter net profits to \$2 million from \$16.2m. during the same time last year.

Revenues rose to \$180m. from \$170.22m., while earnings per share went up to \$0.05 from \$0.38.

Six-month net profits fell 43% to \$17.8m. from \$31.4m. during the same period last year.

Six-month revenues went up to \$352.9m. from \$334.13m., while earnings per share rose to \$0.74 from \$0.42.

Much of the decline was due to a previously announced \$25m. special charge relating to a recent increase in customer defaults on payments, as well as revaluation

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of equipment returned by such customers.

In addition, there was a \$13.4m. reduction in provisions for income tax from prior periods.

Excluding the special charge and tax adjustment, Scitex said net profits were \$10.2m., or 24 cents per share, compared with \$16.2m., or 38 cents per share, in the second quarter last year.

Gross profit margins fell to 46.3% from 53%.

Sales to Europe rose 42% in the quarter to \$83m., primarily in Germany and the UK.

Sales in Japan and Southeast Asia went up 15% to \$28m. Sales

to the US declined 13% to \$76m. Sales for the six month period rose 8%.

Revenues from Dayton, Ohio-based Scitex Digital Printing grew 25% during the second quarter to an annualized rate of over \$100m.

SDP, which currently produces high-speed black and white inkjet printers, expects to bring its high-speed color press to market in 1997.

Overall, Scitex research and development costs increased to \$20.5m. from \$18.7m. during the quarter.

Scitex's board of directors declared an interim cash dividend of \$0.13 per share for the second quarter.

Indigo shares plummet in NY
Company announces it will report net losses in second quarter

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SHARES in printing products firm Indigo collapsed yesterday on Nasdaq in New York after the company announced it will report next week a loss for the second quarter.

The shares fell \$17 on the open to \$40, recovering somewhat in later trading.

Indigo's shares have soared this year from a low of \$13.75 to a high of \$64.75 on increasingly bullish expectations for the company's leading-edge products.

The company said the loss was attributable to shipments late in

the quarter on which revenue recognition was deferred, because certain recognition criteria were not met at the end of the quarter.

Meanwhile, operating expenses remained at forecasted levels, and shipments increased

more than 20 percent from the first quarter.

Indigo said it continues expanding into the label, packaging and decorative printing and publishing markets, and interest in short-run color printing continues to grow, "albeit at a slower rate than expected earlier this year."

MKs: Don't replace Amora as IEC head

Post Business Staff

THE Knesset Finance Committee said yesterday it opposed plans by Energy Minister Gonen Segov to replace Adi Amora as chairman of the Israel Electric Corporation.

Committee chairman Gideon Patai (Likud) said it was not a good time to replace Amora, because managing director Rafi Peled only recently took up his position.

Patai emphasized that everything that happens in the monopolistic IEC affects the entire country.

"The government invests in the company with taxpayers' money, and it therefore belongs to the entire people," he said, adding he rejected Segov's right to not renew Amora's three-year appointment, which ends in October.

"We do not want to be left without electricity because of your power games and your aim of being elected in the [Labor] primaries," Patai told Segov. "We can't live without electricity, but we can live without Segov."

Segov said it was the energy minister's right not to renew the chairman's appointment, adding he was not aiming to dismiss Amora for any other reason.



Segov: It's the energy minister's right not to renew IEC chair's appointment. (IPPA)

Segov said the accusations that he intended to make a political appointment were a personal attack. He noted that the past four people he appointed to the IEC's board were not involved in politics.

Segov asked the committee to first consider the person who he might appoint and said he would be open to any criticism if the committee felt the candidate was not qualified or the appointment was politically motivated.

The committee decided to ask Finance Minister Abraham Shohat to explain to them how he intends to fulfill his promise, delivered in a Knesset speech, to extend Amora's appointment.

Bundesbank lowers repo rate to 4.45%

FRANKFURT (Reuters) - The Bundesbank allowed the lowest accepted rate at this week's securities repurchase agreement award yesterday to drop to 4.45 percent from 4.50%, the rate which has pertained for the last

nine weeks.

The drop in the repo rate was at the larger end of expectations and may signal a fall in the Bundesbank's important discount rate, possibly in September, traders said.

WORLD BRIEFS

Barclays France to sell property loans: Barclays France confirmed yesterday it had retained Bankers Trust to help it sell all or part of its FR 1.5 billion commercial property loan book. Barclays France announced more than a year ago that it was quitting the depressed commercial property lending business, although it continues to lead to home buyers.

Barclays on Tuesday announced a loss of £203 million on its French operations for the first half of 1995, compared with a loss of £10m. for the first six months of 1994. The results reflect high loan-loss provisions, a £50m. depreciation in the value of its Paris headquarters and property expenses and write-offs totaling £22m.

Reuters

MCI, News Corp. in online venture: MCI Communications Corp. and News Corp. Ltd. yesterday announced a joint venture to provide online services, the first major linkup since MCI announced plans earlier this year to invest \$2 billion in the media and entertainment company. The venture will include all the companies' existing online operations, they said, including News Corp.'s Delphi Internet Services Corp.

MCI's Scott Krimm was named chief executive officer and president of the joint venture and News Corp.'s Anthea Disney will be its editor-in-chief.

Reuters

Dresdner profit falls: Dresdner Bank AG reported a 5.5 percent fall in first-half profit yesterday, caused by slow-lending growth and slack bourse turnover, which plagued most German banks this year. Group operating profit at the country's second largest bank fell to DM 983.7 million from DM 1,046. in the year-earlier period.

Even a rise of more than 50 percent in own-account trading profit to DM 327m. and a 70% plunge in risk provisions to DM 226m. was not enough to offset declines in fee and interest income.

Reuters

Court rejects request filed by Paz Fuel

RACHEL NEIMAN

THE Jerusalem District Court has rejected a request filed by Paz Fuel which would have prevented Paz station owners from purchasing fuel from other sources.

The conflict erupted between station operator David Amos and Paz, when "Paz tried to make Amos give up most of his commission on sales to IDF vehicles," the Gas Station Owners Union said yesterday. "In response, Amos began purchasing fuel from other sources."

In its decision, the court found it "distressing that Paz did not reply in any relevant way to the station owners' claim that the arrangement [between them] was a binding one which could not be circumvented."

Amos, operator of the Paz sta-

tion at Pisgat Ze'ev, is a disabled war veteran. Paz and other fuel companies have had a long-standing tradition of granting operator franchises to war veterans.

Amos has a 49-year contract with his fuel company promising to use their fuel and products exclusively. (Recently, station owners have demanded and won the right to sign shorter-term, 15-year contracts with their suppliers.)

Amos holds land rights to the station site, but Paz maintained that as it had built the equipment and buildings, no other fuel but the company's own could be used.

Amos contended that Paz took the first step in violating the contract.

Provident funds achieve positive nominal yields for 5th month in row

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

BANK Hapoalim, First International Bank and United Mizrahi Bank provident funds achieved positive nominal returns of between 0.2 percent and 0.8% in July, the fifth consecutive month in which they achieved positive nominal yields.

Bank Hapoalim's Gadish, the largest fund in the country, achieved a real nominal yield of 0.36% last month.

Since the start of the year, the fund - which manages assets of NIS 12.7 billion - registered a nominal yield of 3.69%.

The Tagnolim fund, Hapoalim's second largest fund, reported a nominal yield of 0.46% in

July and accumulated yield of 4.5%.

The fund manages assets of NIS 2.8b.

The Keren Or fund achieved a nominal yield of 0.35% last month, Katzir registered a return of 0.37% and Kinneret reported a yield of 0.36%.

UMB's funds achieved nominal real yields of 0.08%-0.79%. Atid reported a yield of 0.34% in July and 3.58% since the start of the year.

Lior had a nominal return of 0.38% last month and 3.85% in the first eight months of the year,

while Tiferet registered a yield of 0.33% in July and 3.8% since the start of the year.

First International Bank's funds reported nominal yields of 0.21%-0.81% for July and nominal yields of 3.49%-4.24% since the start of the year.

Ha'melacha led the way with a real nominal return of 0.81% in July and 4.24% since the start of the year.

The Maitav fund achieved a nominal return of 0.32% last month and accumulated yield of 3.84%.

Atidut registered a nominal yield of 0.29% and accumulated return of 3.62%.

Tadiran Electrical Appliances posts 40% rise in second quarter net earnings

COMPANY RESULTS

GALIT LIPKIS BECK and RACHEL NEIMAN

TADIRAN Electrical Appliances ended the second quarter with a 40 percent growth in net profit to NIS 6.87 million from NIS 4.93m. during the corresponding period last year.

In the first six months of the year, Tadiran registered a slight drop in net profit to NIS 5.4m. from NIS 5.52m. in the same period last year.

These lower earnings were due to the NIS 1.5m. loss registered in the first quarter of the year.

Management attributed the second quarter improvement in earnings to a rise in air conditioner prices on the local market, as well as a reduction in advertising expenses.

The company's sales increased 20% in the second quarter to NIS 144.7m. from NIS 120.7m. The rise was due to higher air-conditioner sales on the local and overseas market.

In the year's first six months, sales rose to NIS 258.05m. from NIS 210.2m.

Intelligent Information Systems reported second quarter net losses of \$3.16 million, compared with a net profit of \$492,000 during the same period last year.

Revenues fell to \$18.6m. from \$21.53m.

Six month net losses were \$4.7m., compared with a net gain of \$1.54m. during the same period last year.

Revenues dropped to \$37.9m. from \$43.7m.

IIS CEO Jacob Herbst said the company was continuing "efforts to maintain adequate sales levels and profit margins in a difficult

market while changing our business."

IIS will continue with the current rate of research and development and marketing expenses for the short term but is "already enjoying the results in the form of steady networking-integration business flow and new product acceptance," Herbst said.

He did not say when the troubled company would return to profitability.

Medis-El suffered second quarter net losses of \$560,000, compared with net losses of \$876,000 in the previous year.

Revenues rose to \$95,000 from \$31,000.

Net losses for the half-year were \$1m., compared with \$1.45m. during the same period last year.

Half-year revenues jumped to \$108,000 from \$31,000.

Medis-El is involved in the development and clinical testing of the CellScan system.

CellScan is designed to provide a new way to study cells, enabling early detection of cancers of the breast, colon and lung, AIDS, infectious and autoimmune diseases.

Research and development costs for the second quarter, not including government grants, were cut to \$265,000 from \$472,000 and to \$443,000 from \$608,000 for the six-month period.

Industrial Buildings reported a rise in second quarter net profits to NIS 11.7m. from NIS 4.44m.

during the same period last year.

Revenues rose to NIS 30.6m. from NIS 25m., while earnings per share went up to NIS 0.047 from NIS 0.015.

Net profits for the six-month period fell to NIS 19.6m. from NIS 26.83m.

Revenues jumped to NIS 61.1m. from NIS 51.6m., while earnings per share slid to NIS 0.075 from NIS 0.094.

Liraz posted NIS 3m. in net profits during the second quarter, compared with a net loss of NIS 505,000 in the same period last year.

Revenues rose to NIS 24.7m. from NIS 16.3m.

Six-month net profits were NIS 4.8m., compared with a net loss of NIS 776,000 in the comparable quarter.

Revenues increased to NIS 48.7m. from NIS 33.55m.

During the half-year period, Liraz US subsidiary Across Data Systems paid out \$2m. plus 12% in Liraz shares for all outstanding share capital in US-based Level 8 Systems.

In addition, Liraz invested \$10m. in Across and reduced holdings in that company to 85.7% from 96.7%. Liraz' capital gain on the transactions was NIS 2.6m.

BaySide Land announced an increase in second quarter net profits to NIS 11.74m. from NIS 2m. during the same period last year.

Revenues fell to NIS 42.67m. from NIS 55m.

Net profits for the six-month period increased to NIS 22.4m. from NIS 9.6m.

Revenues fell to NIS 75m. from NIS 95.33m.

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Swiss franc	3.2718	3.3246	3.2957
British pound	1.8002	1.8258	1.8130
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Spanish peseta	0.0482	0.0491	0.0486
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SHARES rose after earnings reports from several companies, including Elron Electronic Industries, lived up to investors' expectations.

The Two-Sided Index rose 0.43 percent to 196.50 and the Maof Index rose 0.27% to close at 198.74.

Across the exchange as a whole, about two shares rose for every one that fell.

The advance reflected improved confidence, which had been knocked down following several quarters of disappointing earnings.

"There's all-around good cheer," said Mark Meiras, managing director at the Herzliya investment firm Pacific Mediterranean.

Elron's net income rose to \$2.5 million in the second quarter, compared to \$789,000 during the same period last year. The holding company, listed on the Two-Sided Index, rose 3.25%.

Elron's shares listed on Nasdaq were up 3/4 to 10/4 in early trading.

Shares worth NIS 105.3m. changed hands yesterday, about NIS 4.3m. more than Tuesday and about NIS 5m. above trading levels a month ago.

Bank Hapoalim, listed on the Maof, was the most active share, gaining 1.5% as NIS 7.3m. worth of shares traded.

The bank has been rising "ever since the government announced it was closer to selling it," said Meiras. "People are taking their stakes."

The bank also announced an agreement with the People's Construction Bank of China to finance a project to develop a digital communications network in Mongolia.

The network is to be developed by ECI Telecommunications Ltd. A spokeswoman for the bank did not specify the sum involved.

Other gainers on the Maof included Teva Pharmaceuticals, which rose 2.25% for the second straight day.

Teva sank 6% Monday, after the company reported disappointing second quarter earnings of \$19.5m., or 36 cents a share.

Analysts had predicted earnings of as much as 39 cents a share.

Another gainer on the Maof was Bezeq, which rose 1%, and holding company Koor Industries Ltd., which rose 1.5%.

On the Two-Sided Index, Israel Petrochemical Enterprises Ltd. rose 6% amid "continuing interest in the chemical sector," according to Meiras.

Agan Chemicals, also on the index, rose for a second day, gaining 2%. Agan yesterday reported an increase in second quarter net earnings to NIS 15.7m. from NIS 10.8m. in the same period last year.

Agan is a subsidiary of Makteshim Chemical Works Ltd., which also rose for a second day, gaining 1.25%. (Bloomberg)

FTSE Index closes slightly lower

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON (Reuters) - British blue chips ended narrowly mixed after shares slid from the day's early levels as early softness on Wall Street weakened sentiment ahead of the US 10-year note auction and July producer prices yesterday.

The FTSE Index ended down 0.5 points at 3,468.3.

FRANKFURT - Disappointment over a cut in the Bundesbank's weekly repo rate, which traders had hoped would be even larger, helped push German shares lower in floor trading.

The 30-share blue chip DAX index fell 15.88 points to 2,221.77. In post-bourse trade the index moved up to 2,222.28.

PARIS - French shares finished with losses in this volume, as the market followed other European bourses downwards.

Concerns over the appetite in the US Treasury auction and lack of enthusiasm for the Bundesbank's five-basis-point cut in its repo rate weighed on bond markets, traders said. The CAC-40 index closed down 10.92 points at 943.74.

ZURICH - Swiss shares finished weaker in low volumes as several shares with a heavy weighting in the index were under pressure, dealers said.

Roche certificates, which saw lively trading, tumbled 1.55% to FR 7,600 on profit-taking. Banks also lost ground again after Tuesday's recovery fizzled out.

Progress in the banking sector is unlikely before all the major banks publish their first-half results, dealers said. The all-share SPI ended at 1,848.77 points, down 9.51 points.

TOKYO - Tokyo stocks failed to maintain earlier gains and closed a little lower.

The Nikkei average neared 17,000, but corporate selling pushed down prices. Weakness in high-technology shares such as Toshiba and Oki pulled stock indices down, brokers said.

The 225-share Nikkei average ended 49.64 points lower at 16,789.33.

HONG KONG - Stocks ended flat, with investors sidelined to await a rush of corporate results in the next few days. The blue-chip Hang Seng Index eased 2.17 points to 9,301.65.

SYDNEY - The Australian share market closed higher after recovering from early weakness as key major stocks strengthened. The All Ordinaries Index ended 3.4 points higher at 2,149.9.

JOHANNESBURG - The South African market was closed for a national holiday.

Blue chips drop

WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (Reuters) - Stock prices closed mixed yesterday as blue chips dropped ahead of today's Producer Price Index for July while the Nasdaq market soared on a buying frenzy in high-technology shares.

Based on early and unofficial data, the Dow Jones industrial average ended 21.83 points lower at 4,671.49. In the broader market declining issues led advances by a small margin on volume of 304 million shares on the New York Stock Exchange.

The Nasdaq index was up 7.93 points at 1,005.05.

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FFr	0.2890/84	0.1285/57	18.81/85	0.2391/95	—

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Johnson wins 400m

GOTEBORG (AP) — Michael Johnson ran the second fastest 400 meters of all time yesterday as he won the first leg of an unprecedented double by holding on to his world 400m title in awe-some style.

The American with the curious running style powered past the only man to have run faster, countryman Butch Reynolds, and finished going away from the world record holder in 43.39 seconds in Ullevi stadium.

Reynolds, who set his world mark of 43.29 just under seven years ago, placed second in 44.22 and Jamaica's Greg Haughton edged Samson Kitur of Kenya for the bronze in 44.56.

Russia's Svetlana Moskalets led after four events of the heptathlon from Syria's Ghada Shouaa and American Kym Carter in third place.

Defending champion Sergei Bubka, going for his fifth title in a row, made it safely to the final of the pole vault. Bubka missed once at 5.65m but then cleared the height easily to qualify for tomorrow's final.

Israeli pole vaulter Constantina Simyonev, whose participation in the championships under the Israeli flag was disputed after he registered with the Israel Sports Federation only on July 31, succumbed to the pressure and failed in his three attempts to clear 5.40m. His personal best is 5.80m.

In the qualifying rounds of the men's discus, Israeli Sergei Lukashuk also had a pale experience. His throw of 54.90m landed him in the 38th spot out of 43 contestants.

Johnson, who has cruised through his heats to maintain enough energy to go for the 200m starting today, this time set off fast.

With Reynolds in the lane im-



FINISHING TOUCHES — Michael Johnson (r) crosses the 400m finish line ahead of fellow American Butch Reynolds (c) and Jamaican Greg Haughton. (Reuters)

mediately outside, he gradually made up the distance and then, in typical style with his legs pumping low and at full strength, turned on the power in the middle of the race.

The 40,000 fans in the stadium gasped as Johnson seemed to accelerate from 200-300m. He was six meters clear when he hit the straightaway and had stretched that to eight by the line.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

(all times Israel)
10:30 am - Women's discus, qual. round - group 1
10:40 - Men's 200m, first round
10:45 - Heptathlon, long jump - groups 1-2
11:40 - Women's 5,000m, first round
12:30 pm - Women's discus, qual. round - group 2
4:15 - Heptathlon, javelin - group 1
4:40 - Men's 50 km walk
5:05 - Women's 200m, semifinals
5:25 - Women's 800m, first round
5:40 - Heptathlon, javelin - group 2
5:55 - Women's triple jump final
6:05 - Men's 400m hurdles final
6:30 - Men's 200m, second round
6:50 - Men's 1,500m, first round
7:35 - Women's 200m final
7:45 - Heptathlon, 800 metres

Mac TA, Grasshoppers draw

DEREK FATTAL

MACCABI Tel Aviv took a significant step forward towards earning a place in the prestigious European Champions League, holding Grasshoppers Zurich to a 1-1 draw last night in the opening leg of its Champions Cup encounter with the Swiss titleholders.

Maccabi's hero was new-boy Yevgeny Kashentsev who zipped through the Zurich defense to steal a stunning solo equalizer in the 55th minute.

The Tel Avivians now look to have a clear upper hand, with the advantage of home territory and a precious away goal for the second leg which takes place at Bloomfield in two weeks' time. The pressure is firmly on the Swiss side, which must now score to have a hope of continuing in the competition.

The Swiss launched wave upon wave of attacks in the first half, in a non-stop assault on Alexander Obarov's goal.

Israeli pre-match confidence quickly turned to panic in the opening minutes, as the Grasshopper's onslaught continually unhinged the Maccabi defense. Maccabi's skillful midfielders just seemed to add to the misery, as Avi Nimni, Victor Moroz and Itzik Zohar kept sending passes astray.



Salzburg's Ralph Hasenhuettel (l) fights for control of the ball with Bogdan Bucur of Steaua Bucharest. (Reuters)

Lone forward Kashentsev operated in a wilderness, and was all but invisible during the first half. In contrast, Ali Ibrahim, Zurich's ringleted Ghana-born attacker had the whole Maccabi defense on edge as he skirted through tackles and drove towards goal at every available opportunity.

Despite the clutch of chances that fell to the Swiss in the first 45 minutes, they were unable to land the ball in Obarov's net.

The Israelis returned to the fray after the break in much firmer fighting mood, only to go down

1-0 after just four minutes, when the quicksilver Ibrahim managed to steer a shot from his colleague Viskal beyond the reach of the wrongfooted Maccabi keeper.

Zohar showed evidence of the Tel Avivians' revival as he hit the Swiss post two minutes later in an effort to level the scores.

In the next Israeli attack, Kashentsev won possession just outside the area, ran through two frozen defenders and masterfully guided the ball home.

In the 85th minute Eli Driks, who substituted Moroz, could have hit the winner, but fired straight at the keeper in a one-on-one situation in the box. At the other end, Gurkan Sermetler had a more difficult chance with the last shot of the game but skewed it skywards.

CHAMPIONS' CUP

Preliminary round, first-leg matches
In Kiev: Dynamo Kiev (Ukraine) 1, Aalborg (Denmark) 0 (halftime 0-0). Score: Yevhen Fokhtebayev (82nd minute). Attendance: 60,000
In Salzburg: Casino Salzburg (Austria) 0, Steaua Bucharest (Romania) 0. Attendance: 10,000
In Warsaw: Legia Warsaw (Poland) 1, IFK Gothenburg (Sweden) 0 (0-0). Score: Jerzy Podbrozny (49th penalty). Attendance: 15,000
In Athens: Panathinaikos (Greece) 0, Hajduk Split (Croatia) 0
In Brussels: Anderlecht (Belgium) 0, Ferencváros (Hungary) 1 (0-0). Score: Goran Kuntics (58th).

Maccabi Haifa hosts Faroe Islands amateurs

ORI LEWIS

MACCABI Haifa ends this week's European venture for Israeli soccer clubs tonight when it hosts amateurs Klaksvikar Irotterfelag of the Faroe Islands in the Cup Winners' Cup at Kiryat Eliezer.

The Faroe Islanders are a completely unknown quantity for the Israeli State Cup holders. A glance at the past record of this side which hails from the remote islands in the North Atlantic and is a dependency of Denmark, Haifa should have little to worry about.

The visitors will be missing their 21-year-old star player, Allen Johansson, who is apparently frightened of flying. Without him, the Faroe Islanders appear to have given up

all hope of securing a win. And with the hot weather - to which the visitors are completely unaccustomed - forcing the cancellation of a training session on their arrival on Tuesday, Klaksvikar seems resigned to its fate.

The main question is whether Haifa will be able to deliver the killer blows with which to secure a convincing victory. The Maccabi camp, bar Eyal Berkowitz, has prepared amply for the encounter, with a training camp in the Netherlands. It will also be a first test of the skills of Edgardo Adinolfi in the distinctive green and white strip.

The Uruguayan international, a member of the side which won the Copa America last month, has been hailed as one of the most lucrative foreign imports ever.

Berkowitz's contractual disagreement with club boss Ya'akov Shabar continues, as the latter appears unwilling to bow to the pressure which the talented midfielder has brought to bear regarding bonuses for this season.

If a deal is not struck by this afternoon, Berkowitz has threatened not to play. In such an event, Shabar has said he will place Berkowitz on the transfer list and will ask \$2 million for him, effectively pricing him out of the local market.

Mantle's condition worsens

DALLAS (Reuters) — Mickey Mantle's condition has worsened, with cancer spreading beyond his lungs, Baylor University Medical Center said yesterday.

Mantle, 63, had recently revealed that cancer from a diseased liver that was replaced in a trans-

plant on June 8 had spread to his lungs. The former New York Yankees slugger remains hospitalized and has requested that doctors neither discuss his case nor hold any news conferences to elaborate further on his medical condition.

Lawn bowlers brace for Irish invasion

NORMAN SPIRO

ISRAEL'S national youth lawn bowls team faces a severe challenge beginning on Saturday against six junior bowlers from Ireland.

Leading the challenge for Israel is 18-year-old Amir Yaron, who is the national singles champion. Selected with him are Yair Bekier, Michael Stange, Assaf Iron, Itzik Sher and Roy Jennings, all under 20 and veterans of last year's tour of Scotland.

The tour begins with a full-day youth singles competition at the Ra'anana Club. Supplementing the Israeli team are Assaf Grinograd, Boaz Marcus, Motti Pollak, Barak Kaminsky and Ofer Zvi.

On Wednesday at the Kfar Hama-cabiah Club, the Irish squad will be matched against Israel's recently selected team for the 1996 World Bowls Championships: Jeff Rabkin, Lawrence Mendelsohn, Chaim Miller, Leon Blum and George Kaminsky.

The Irish players are Jonathan Ross, Barry Quinn, Paul Daly, Blair Somers, Ian Ross, and Andrew Whisker accompanied with team manager Eddie McNally and also Wolsey Gracey, secretary of the British Isles Bowl Council.

Israel's manager and coach for the series is Cecil Bransky.

Meanwhile, the Ra'anana team of Gordon Silverstein, Ivan Kantor, Shirley Kantor and Zvi Bekier won the final of the Mayor of Jerusalem Trophy competition at the Jerusalem Forest green yesterday, 25-15.

The runners-up were also from Ra'anana. Third and fourth places went to teams from Savon.

The tournament was sponsored by Goldfus and Associates Insurance.

SCOREBOARD

BASEBALL - TUESDAY'S NL RESULTS:
Pittsburgh 9, San Francisco 5; Florida 5, Colorado 4 (13); New York 12, Philadelphia 16; Atlanta 5, Cincinnati 4; San Diego 3, Chicago 1; Montreal 6, Houston 0; Los Angeles 4, St. Louis 3. **TUESDAY'S AL RESULTS:** Boston 5, Cleveland 1; California 4, Kansas City 0; Minnesota 5, Oakland 3; New York 11, Baltimore 4; Texas 4, Detroit 11; Milwaukee 6, Toronto 5 (11); Seattle 10, Chicago 9.

The Sports Pages are edited by Joe Hoffman

Sampras in, Edberg out

MASON, Ohio (AP) — Extended to a second-set tiebreaker, second-ranked Pete Sampras rediscovered his overpowered serve to beat Petr Korda in the second round of the \$1.8 million ATP Championship on Tuesday night.

"I got off to a good start, even though I didn't think I was hitting the ball that well," Sampras said of his 6-3, 7-6(7-3) victory. "Then I let up a little bit. Once I let him back into the match, he played well."

In the other evening match, 11th-seeded Jim Courier beat Vince Spadea 7-5, 7-6(9-7). Earlier, Sandoz Stolle of Australia pulled the upset of the day by beating 16th-ranked Stefan Edberg of Sweden 6-3, 6-1 in a first-round match.

Top-ranked and top-seeded Andre Agassi, third-seeded Boris Becker and two-time defending champion Michael Chang were scheduled to play yesterday.

For Edberg, a two-time ATP winner, it was the first time in 12 years he lost before the quarter-finals. Stolle, ranked 19th, overcame his early uncertainty to take advantage of Edberg's lack of concentration.

In other news, Monica Seles will play in the Canadian Open in Toronto next week, her manager announced Tuesday. It will be the first competition for Seles since being stabbed 28 months ago.

Seles will be co-ranked as top seed along with Steffi Graf. She will also be co-ranked No. 1 worldwide with the German.

Seles will compete in the outdoor hardcourt tournament along with Graf, Arantxa Sanchez Vicario, Mary Pierce and other top 10 players. Seles already has confirmed she will play in the US Open beginning August 28.

Byas called to Test squad

NOTTINGHAM (AP) — Captain Mike Atherton provided another scare for England's injury-hit squad on the eve of the fifth Test against the West Indies starting today at Trent Bridge.

Atherton complained of a sore back after yesterday morning's practice session and the selectors immediately called up Yorkshire batsman David Byas to act as cover.

Byas, a powerful left-hander, has been in fine form this season, reaching 1,000 first-class runs before any other batsman.

England, which fought back to level the six-match series at 2-2 at Old Trafford, is already without key batsman Robin Smith for the Trent Bridge Test. He fractured a cheekbone when hit by an Ian Bishop bouncer in the fourth Test.

Atherton's suspect back has been a continuing worry. He missed a match in Australia last winter.

Asked who would captain England in the event of Atherton not being able to play, chairman Ray Illingworth said: "Probably Jack Russell, although we've not had time to discuss that."

With the Test series level, England could take a huge step closer to its first significant series win in four years and send the West Indies to its second series loss in a

row, and only their second in 15 years. Injury has forced changes to both teams. West Indian ace Jimmy Adams suffered a fractured cheekbone in a tour match last week. Sussex captain Alan Wells could be the sixth England player to make his Test debut this series if he graduates from the 13-man squad into the final 11 to replace Smith. The 33-year-old will probably compete with Graeme Hick for the available batting spot. England last beat the West Indies in a series in 1969, and apart from a 1-0 win over lowly New Zealand in a three Test series last year, has not won a series since it also beat New Zealand in 1991. The West Indies, on the other hand, had not lost a series since 1980 until the Australians beat them 2-1 in May this year. A loss at Trent Bridge would make it difficult to reject claims that they are no longer cricket's dominant power, even if they can win the sixth Test at the Oval.

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Two infiltrators killed by IDF

DAVID RUDGE

TWO Palestinian gunmen were killed by IDF troops while trying to infiltrate into the security zone late last Friday night, it was announced yesterday.

The army spokesman said that the incident had occurred in the Nabatiya region when troops on operational duties spotted a terrorist squad and opened fire. It later transpired that two gunmen had been killed.

Both George Habash's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine and Monir Mahkda's break-away Fatah group known as Black September 13 claimed responsibility for a long-range attack on an IDF outpost in the eastern sector of the zone on that day.

Lebanese newspapers reported yesterday that the gunmen's bodies lay in the field since then, before being recovered by local villagers and members of the international Red Cross.

On another matter, the Lebanese press reported yesterday that "banned" Israeli food products had been discovered on sale in Nabatiya, north of the security zone.

The reports said that the products had apparently been brought through Beirut via Turkey, because the writing on the outer packages was in Turkish. The reports said the Lebanese authorities are investigating.

UK files charges against Hapoel Haifa members

MARK HVLIN

LONDON

THREE of the five members of Hapoel Haifa soccer club questioned about alleged involvement in preventing an Air UK plane from landing at Stansted airport last week were formally charged with offenses relating to air navigation disorders late Tuesday.

Club coach Avraham Grant, along with Israel internationals Tal Benin and Reuven Atar were charged with violations of the Public Order Act and Air Navigation Order, and will appear at Harlow Magistrate's Court in Essex tomorrow.

The charges represent a change of policy by the local authorities, who had decided not to prosecute the Israelis after questioning them and two other members of

the 30-strong party on Sunday. But after interviewing the plane's crew for a second time on Monday, evidence was sent to the Crown Prosecution Service with a recommendation that Grant, Benin, and Atar be charged.

The charges concentrate on their alleged refusal to carry out the requests of the cabin crew and pilot to fasten their seat belts, resulting in the pilot aborting his first landing approach.

A police spokesman said that the maximum sentence available to the courts is a £400 (NIS 2,000) fine.

The Israelis, who are staying at a London hotel until the hearing, were unavailable for comment.

Thieves hit banks, missionary

DAVID RUDGE

THIEVES made off with some NIS 17,000 from two banks in the North yesterday.

In another incident, two robbers broke into the home of a missionary couple in Nazareth and stole a video camera and NIS 500 in cash.

They then forced the husband to drive them in his car towards Umm el-Fahm, apparently en route to the territories, where he was released.

The robbers left the man's wife tied up but she managed to bang on a neighbors door with her head and the latter called the

police. Around the same time, early in the morning, four masked men broke into the Arab Bank in Dabburiya and stole NIS 5,000 in cash.

They drove away in a car which crashed through a police roadblock and was later found abandoned near Kafr Makr, near Acre.

At around 10, a masked robber held up the Bank Hapoalim branch in Haifa's Hadar quarter. He threatened a woman teller with a pistol and ran away with nearly NIS 12,000 in cash.



Religious Affairs Minister Shimon Shetreet (left) presents a letter of appointment to Rabbi Eliahu Kavtza (right), who will work for the Ramle religious council. Kavtza was one of 12 rabbis from the Ethiopian community given appointments yesterday. The 12 studied for eight years in a program at Jerusalem's Machon Meir that was funded by the Joint Distribution Committee-Israel. Looking on are JDC-Israel director Amnon Mantver (center) and Machon Meir head Rabbi Dov Begun. (Efraim Kilshot)

Three synagogues will be built next year for Ethiopian immigrants

Jerusalem Post Staff

THREE synagogues for the Ethiopian immigrant community are to be built next year in Ahula, Ramle, and Ashdod, Absorption Minister Yair Tzaban and Religious Affairs Minister Shimon Shetreet decided yesterday.

Until the construction is completed, the Religious Affairs Ministry will open new synagogues in available buildings, in

these three cities and in other areas with heavy concentrations of immigrants.

Since Operation Solomon brought nearly all the Ethiopian Jews here four years ago, the Ethiopian community has suffered from a shortage of synagogues in which they could pray

according to their own rituals. The severity of the shortage has increased now that some 80% of the community has moved into permanent housing.

The two ministers also discussed other problems relating to religious services for immigrants, including the need for alternative

burials for those whose Jewishness is uncertain; solutions for immigrants whom the rabbinate will not marry, and the expansion of authority for kessim.

Yesterday, 12 newly-ordained rabbis from the Ethiopian community were appointed to various religious councils, in a ceremony held at the Great Synagogue in Jerusalem.

Woman teacher denies seducing 14-year-old girl pupil

RAINE MARCUS

A GIVATAYIM teacher suspected of conducting a lesbian affair with a 14-year-old pupil was remanded yesterday by Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court for 24 hours.

The 41-year-old teacher denied all allegations, saying the girl is a "problematic pupil."

The teacher, release of whose name was banned, was arrested after police gathered evidence against her over a period of time. Suspicions surfaced, police said,

after the girl's father, overheard a phone conversation between his daughter and the teacher. Some three months ago the father asked the teacher to leave her post, and then turned to the school's principal, police said. The teacher apparently told the man to go to the police if he wished to complain.

"This teacher abused her position and took advantage of a young girl whose sexual identity

is not yet formed," said a police representative. "The suspect is also in a position to influence others and if released may try to disrupt the investigation."

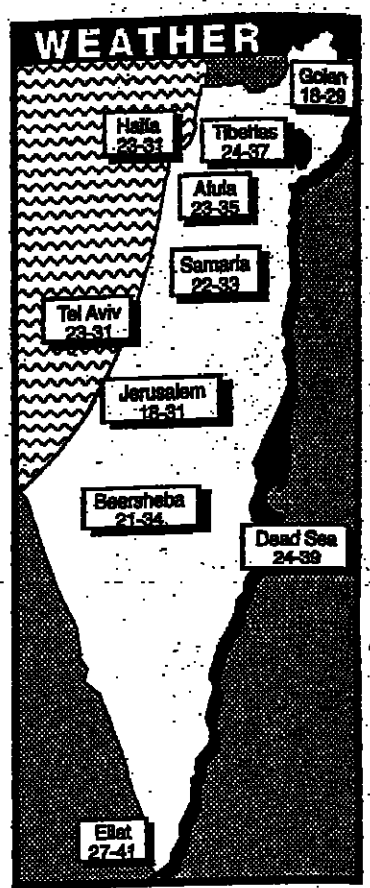
In remanding the teacher, Judge David Rosen said the principal's testimony supports allegations that the teacher and pupil slept in the same bed during a school trip to Eilat.

But defense lawyer Sassi Gez said this was "entirely untrue. My

client is a married woman, the mother of two children, and has no criminal record."

He said his client told the principal that several pupils slept in the same hotel room with her during the trip to Eilat, and that the complainant simply invented the story that she had slept alone with her teacher.

Gez also accused the complainant's father of committing an offense by eavesdropping on his daughter's phone call.



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Winning cards

In yesterday's Mifal Hapayis daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the ace of spades, seven of hearts, queen of diamonds, and queen of clubs.

Histadrut will slice pay of trade union chiefs

MICHAEL YUDELMAN

THE Histadrut is planning to slash the wages of its trade union secretaries.

MK Amir Peretz, chairman of the Histadrut's trade union section, intends to present his plan to cut the wages of the paid trade union secretaries, 10 earn monthly wages of NIS 20,000.

The wage cuts, together with massive dismissals, will be implemented as part of the Histadrut's move to Jerusalem, scheduled for December 17.

According to the plan, retirees' wages will first be cut, and at a later stage cut down to equal that of Histadrut leaders, about NIS 15,000.

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